

$\pi/K/p$  production and Cronin effect from  
 $p+p$ ,  $d+Au$  and  $Au+Au$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV  
from the **PH\***ENIX experiment



# Overview.

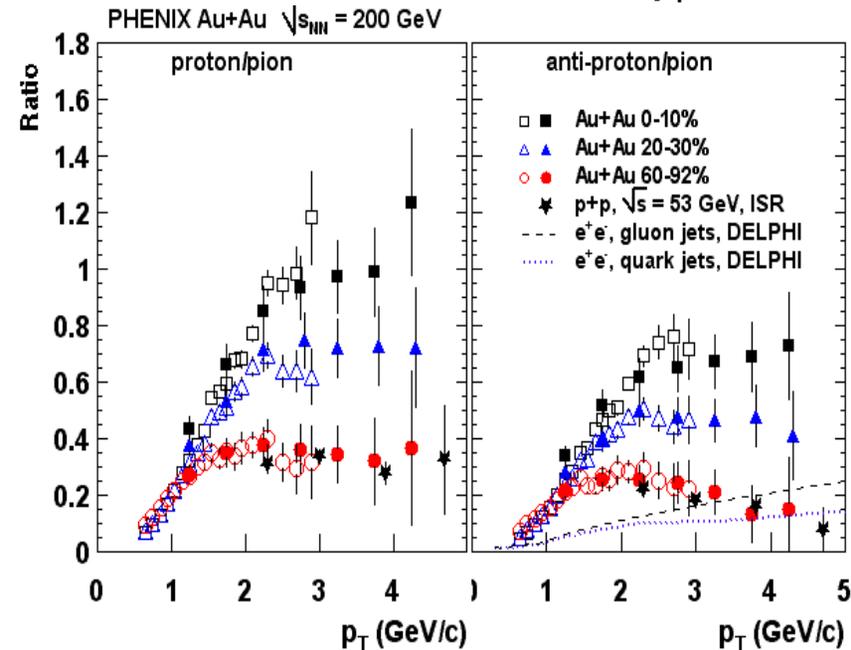
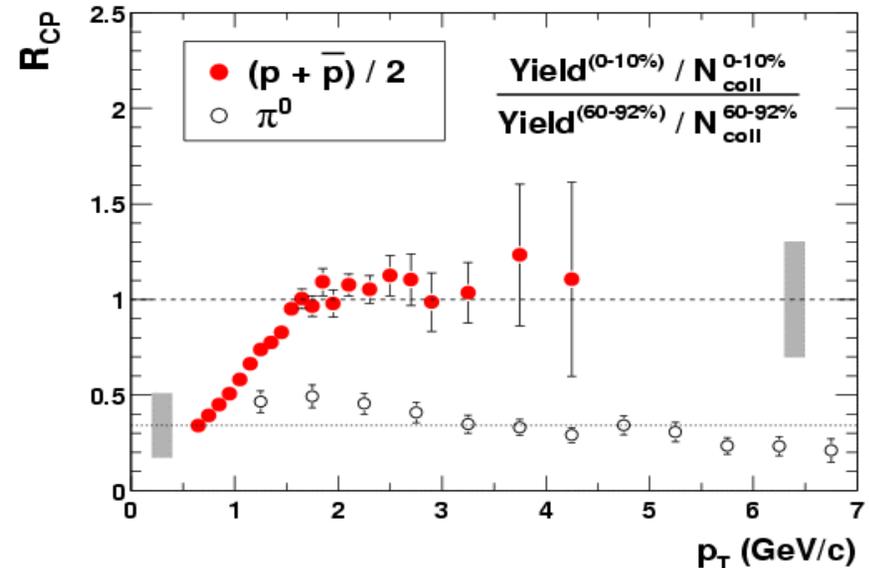
- The role of identified particles.
- Final results from Au+Au collisions.
- The d+Au and p+p run: Initial state and how to disentangle cold vs. hot nuclear matter effects.
- Comparisons: What remains the same, what is different.
- Cronin effect in d+Au.
- Conclusions.

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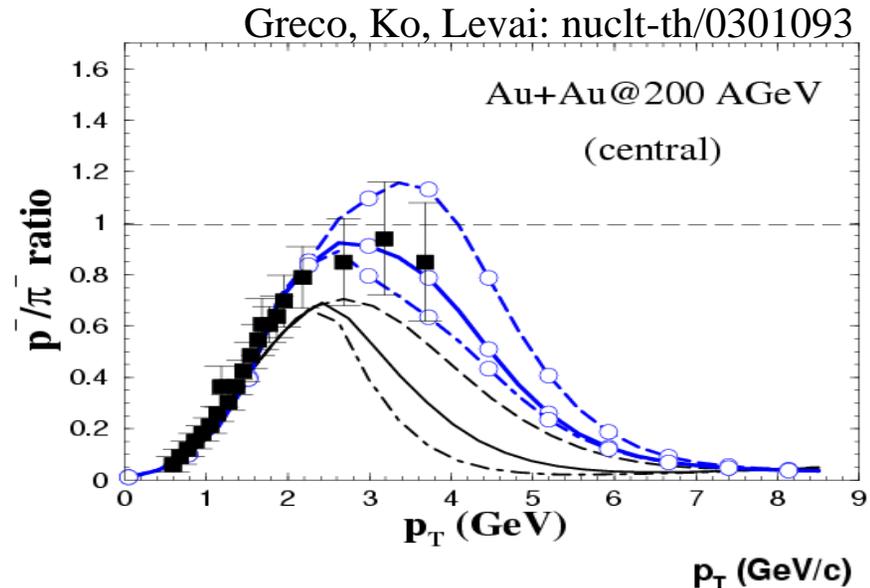
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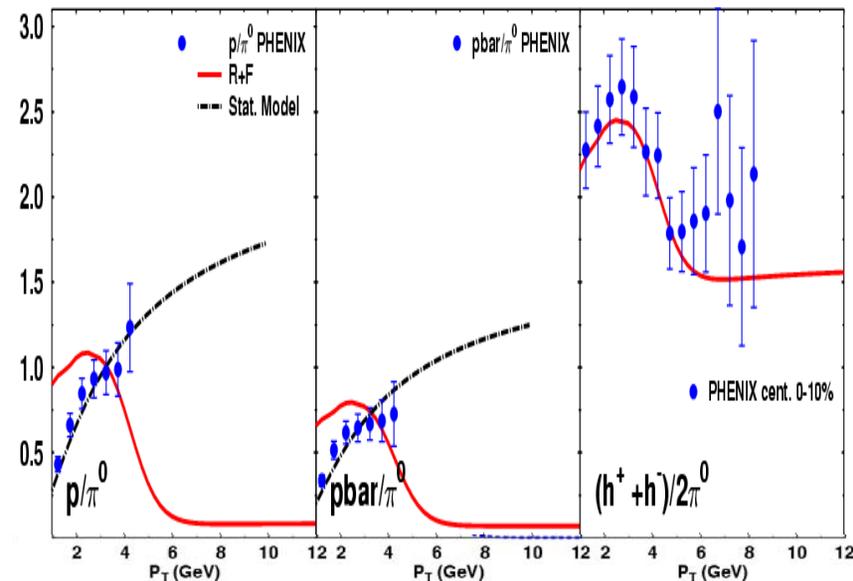


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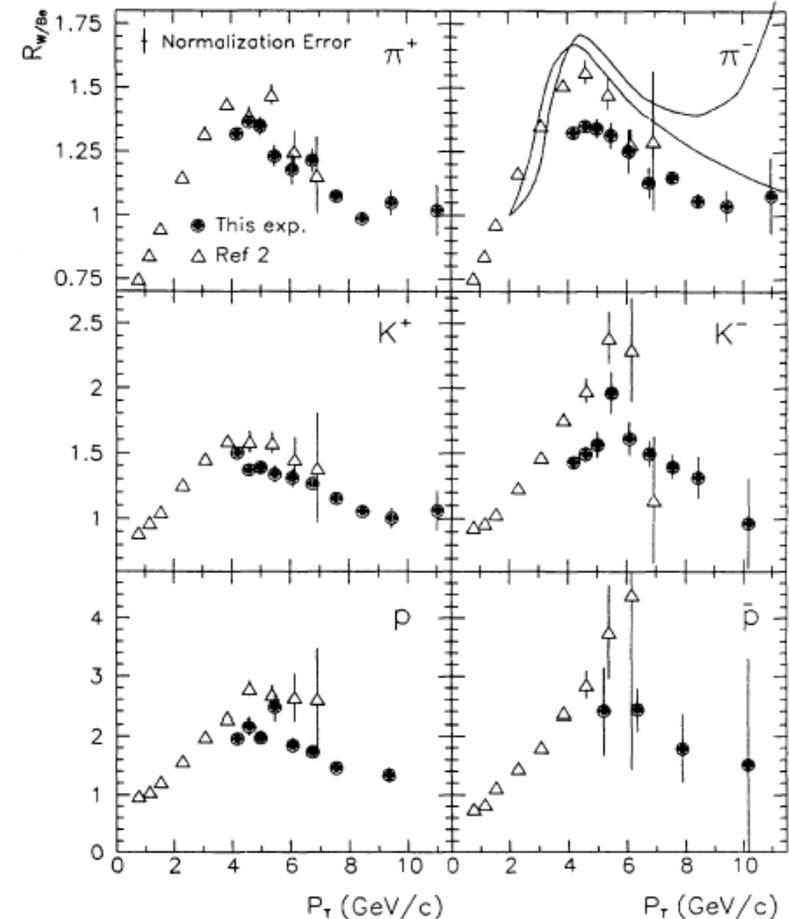
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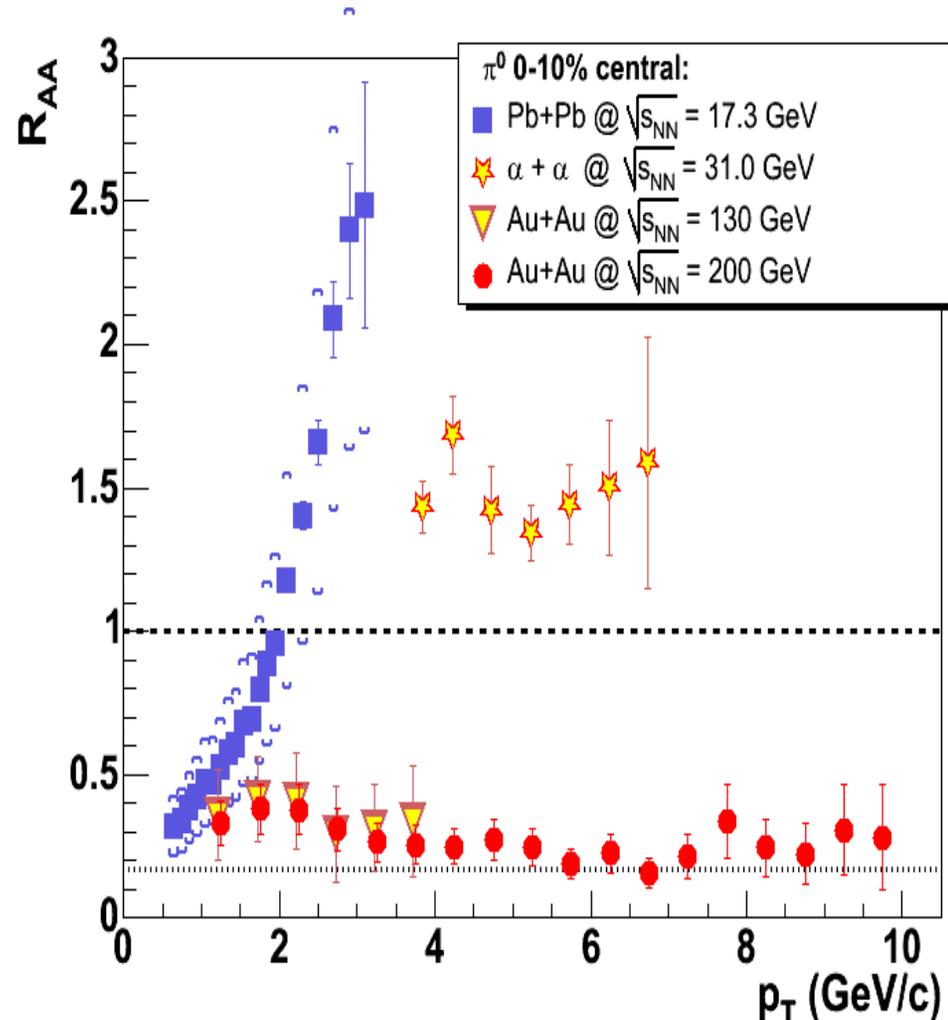
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Why is it important to know the size of the effect ?

Because:

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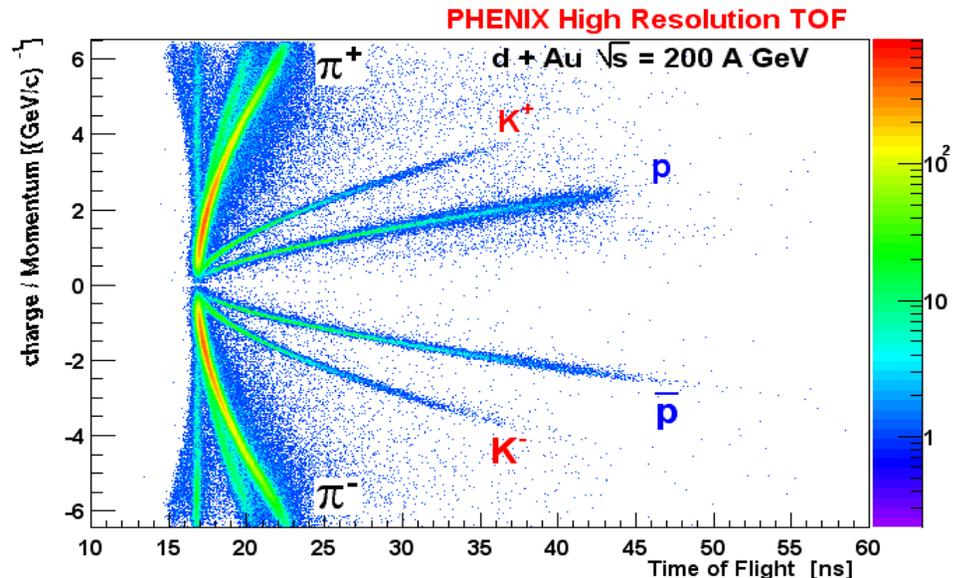
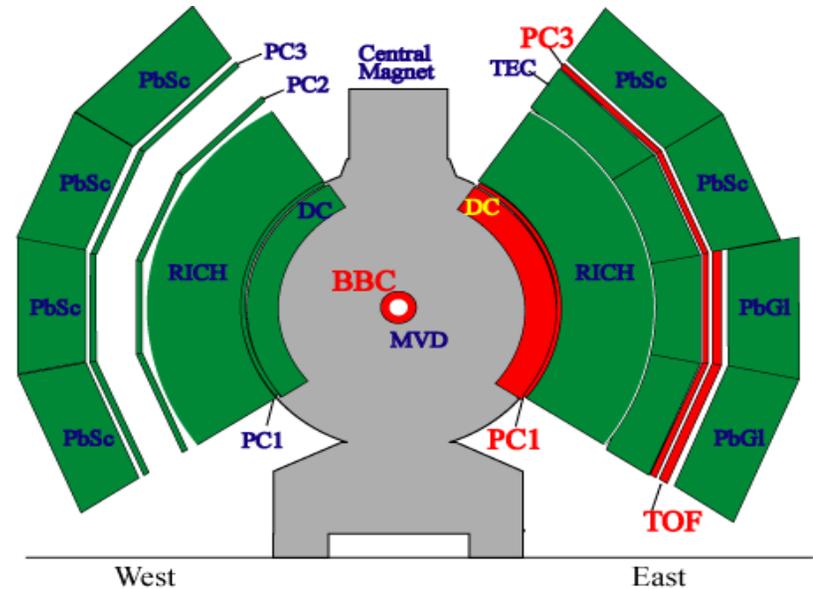
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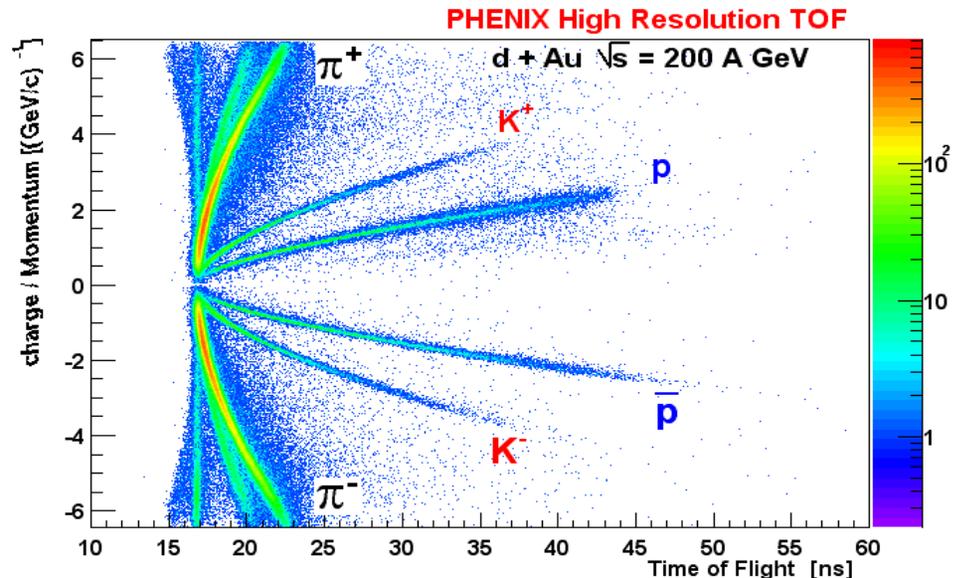
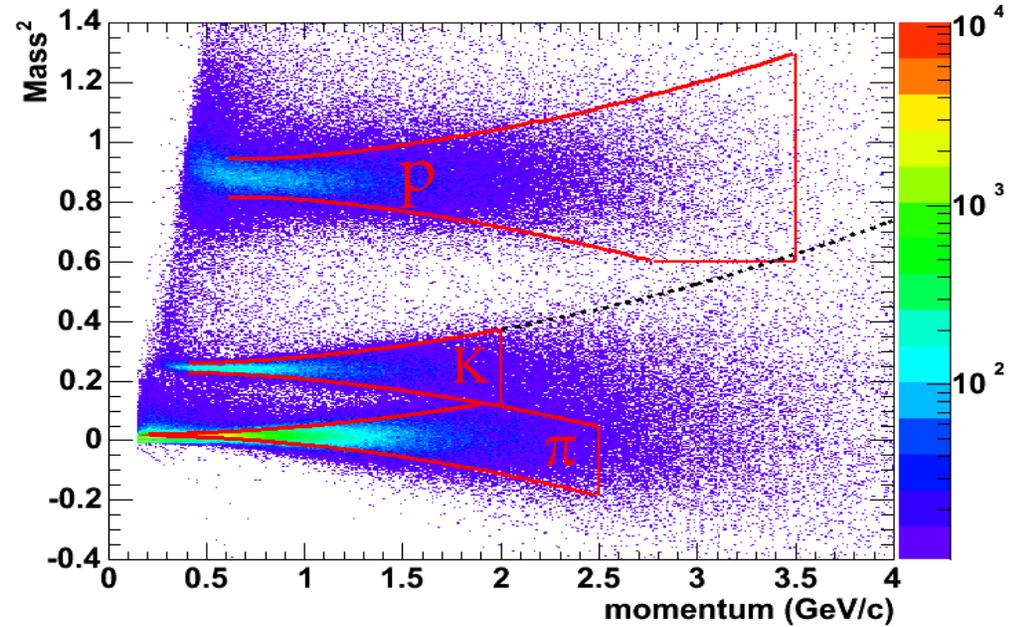
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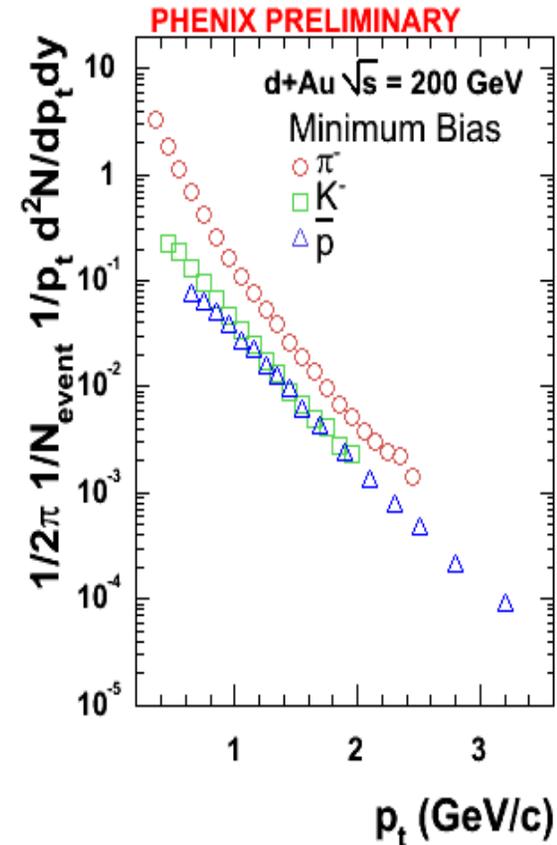
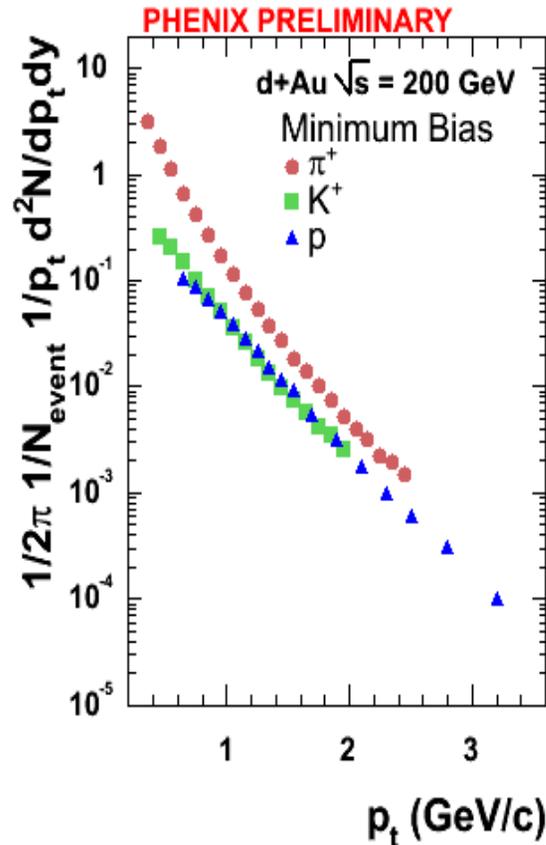
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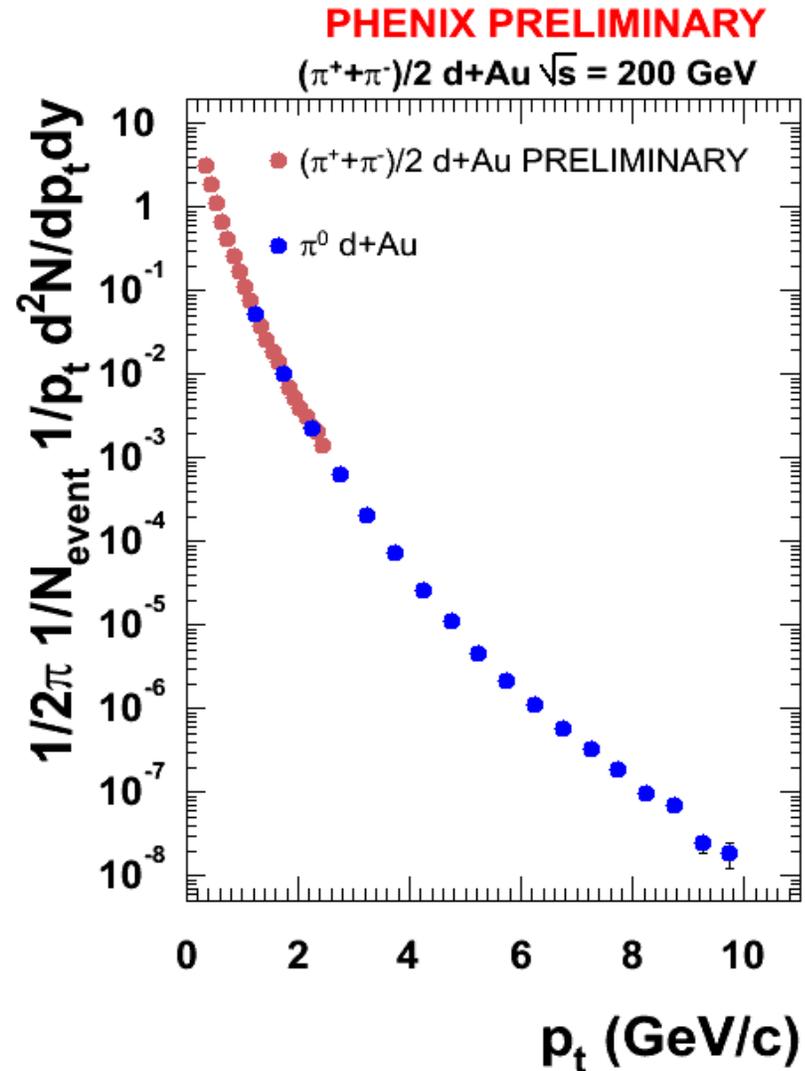
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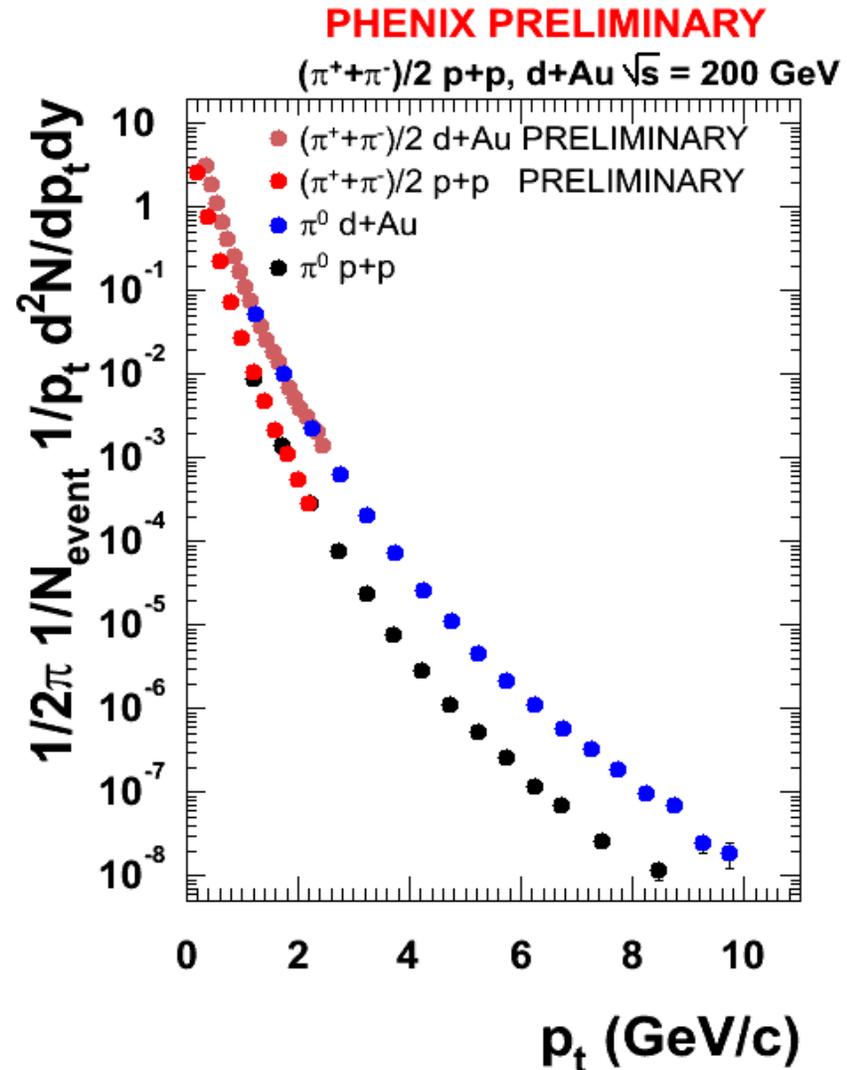
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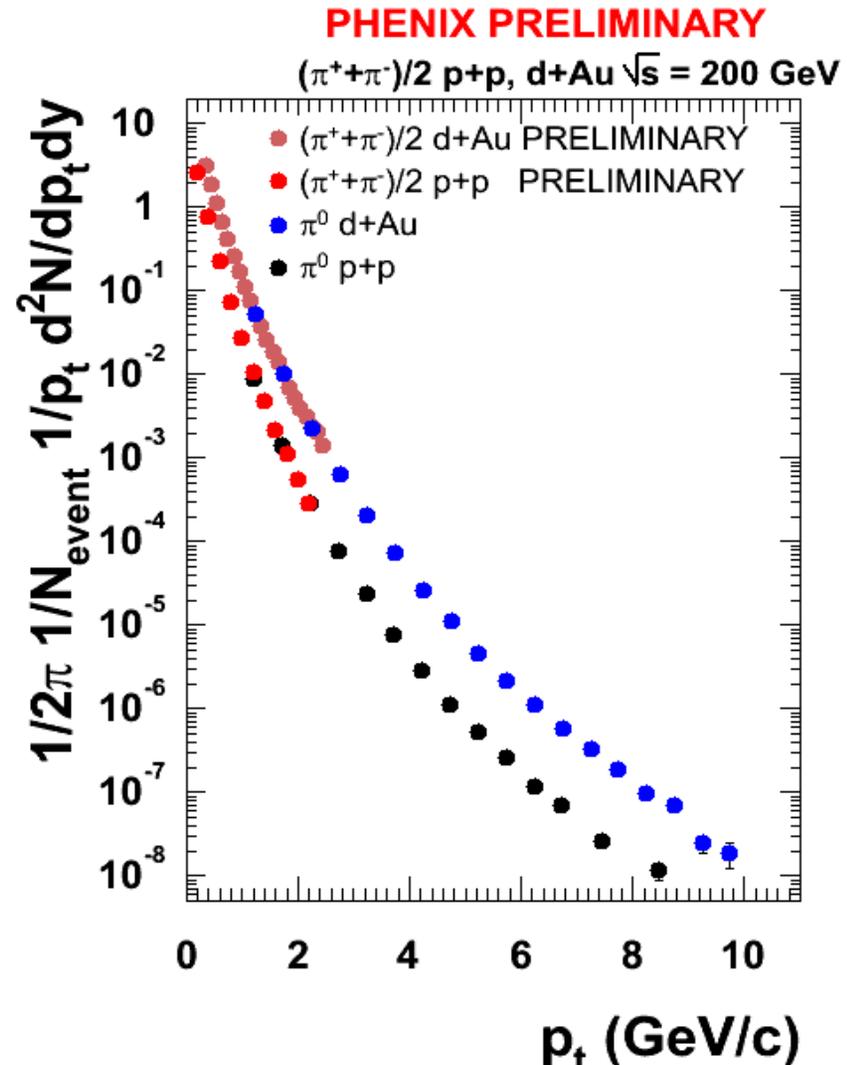
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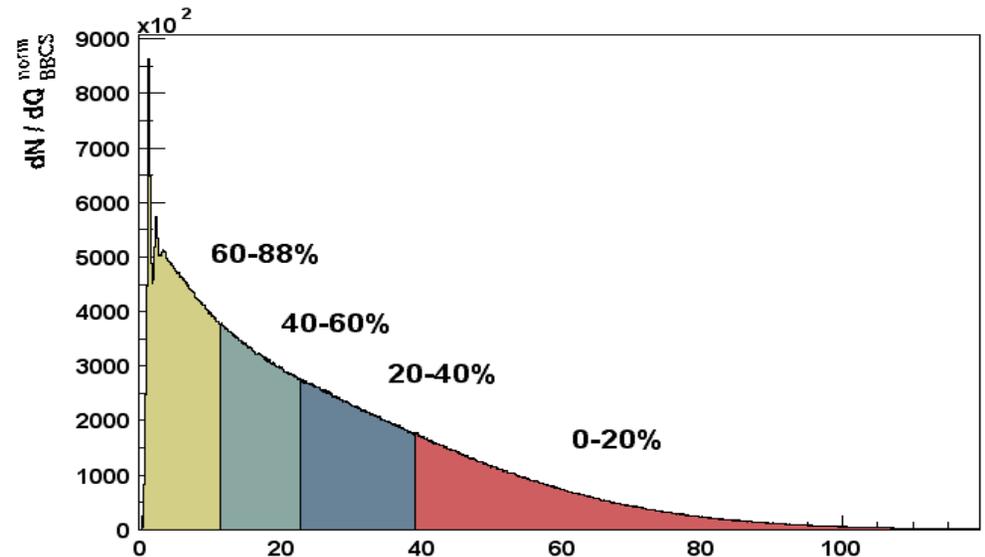
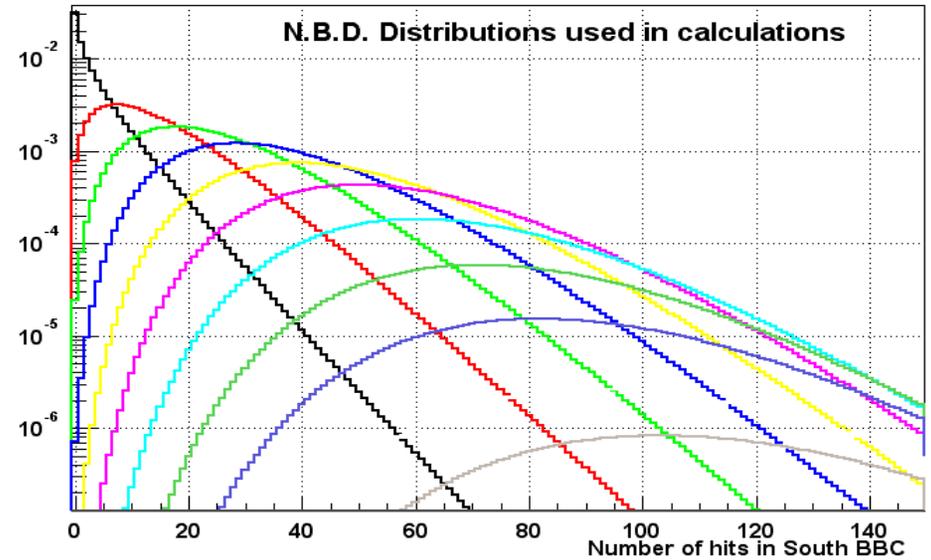
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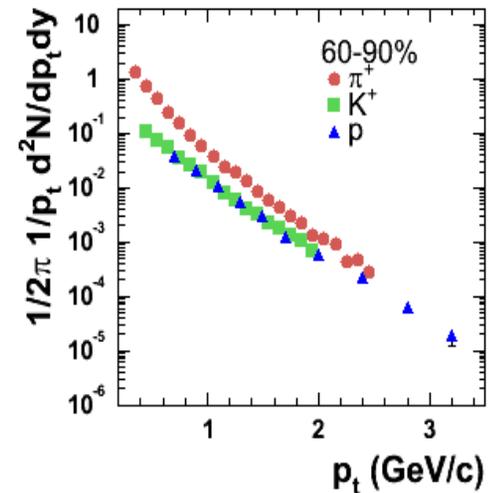
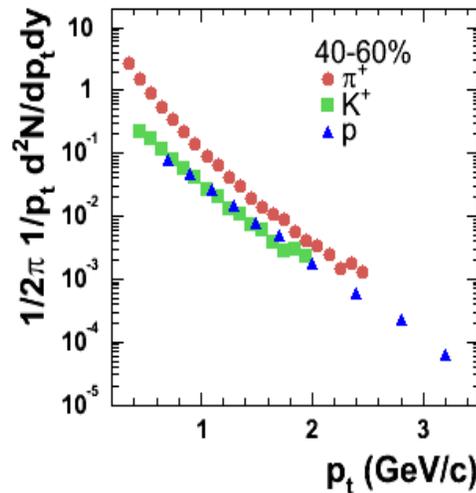
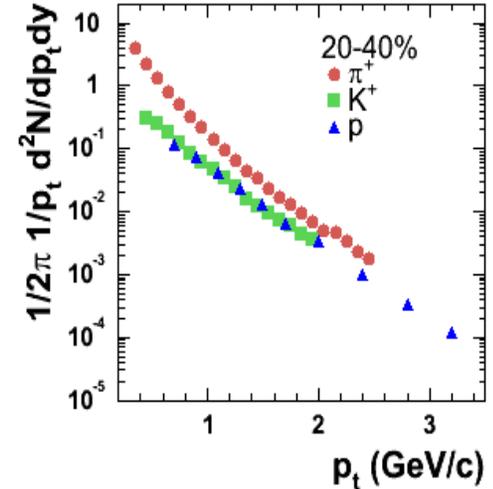
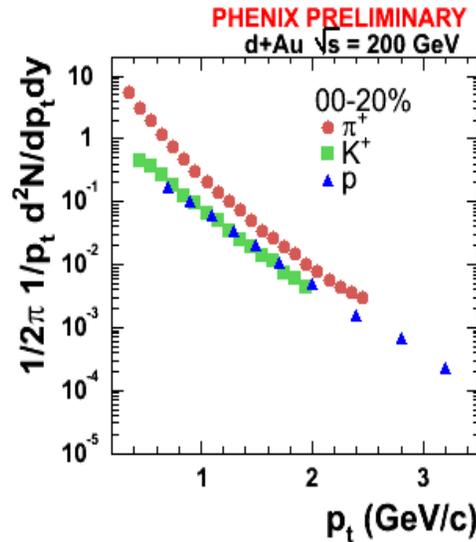
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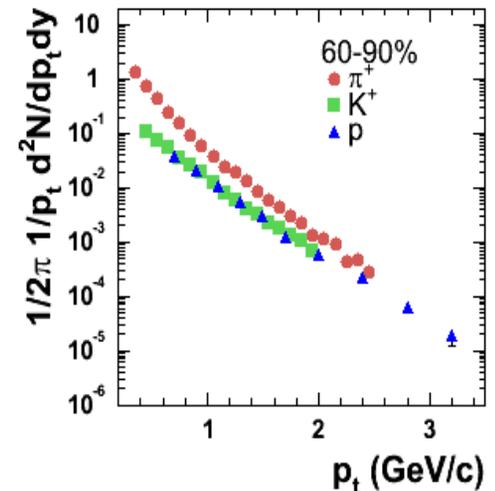
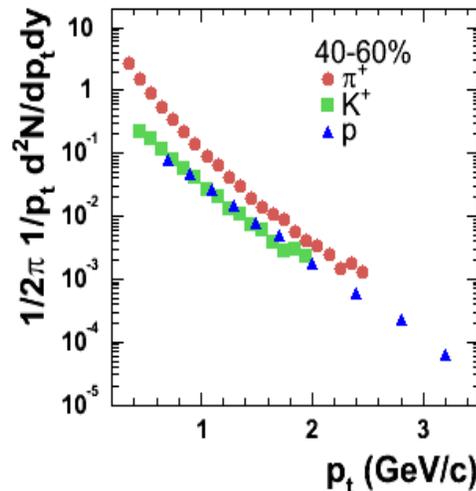
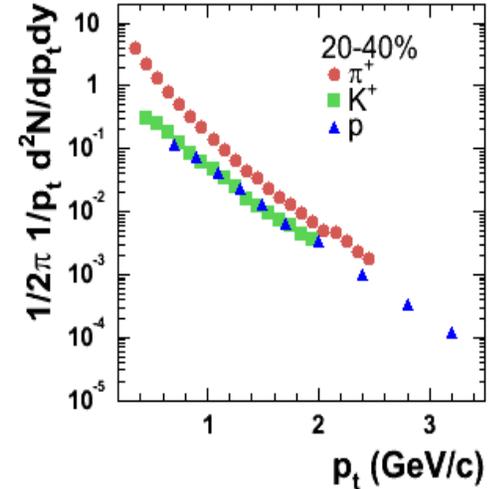
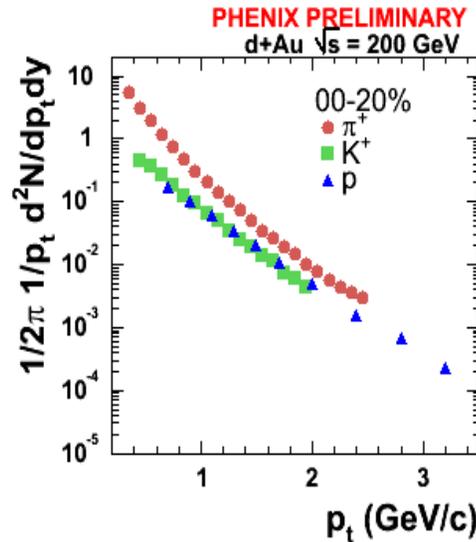


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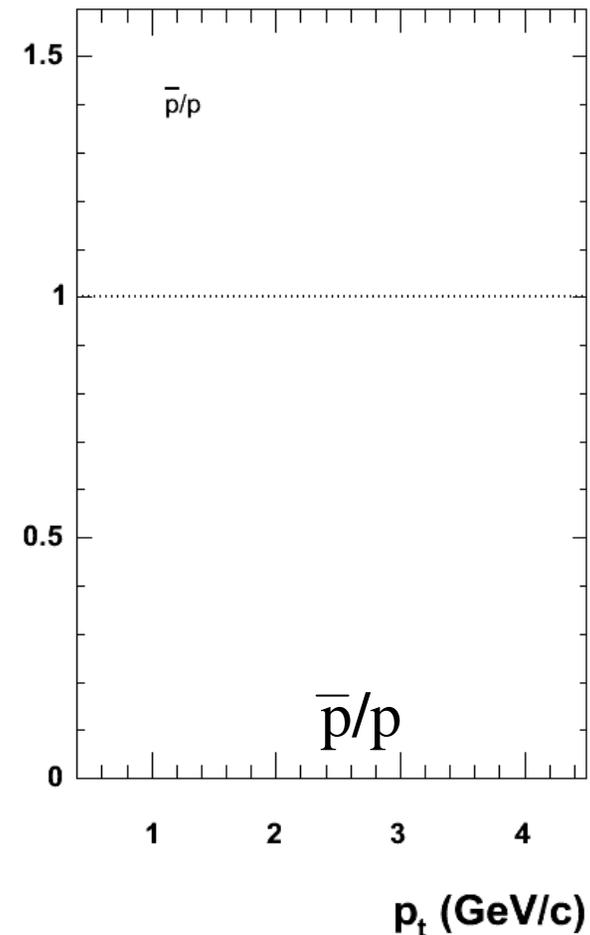
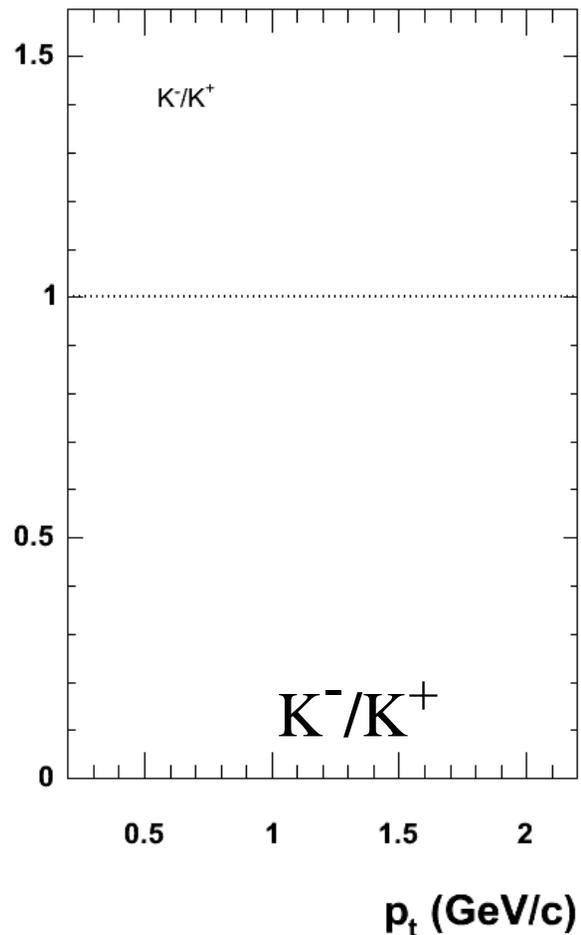
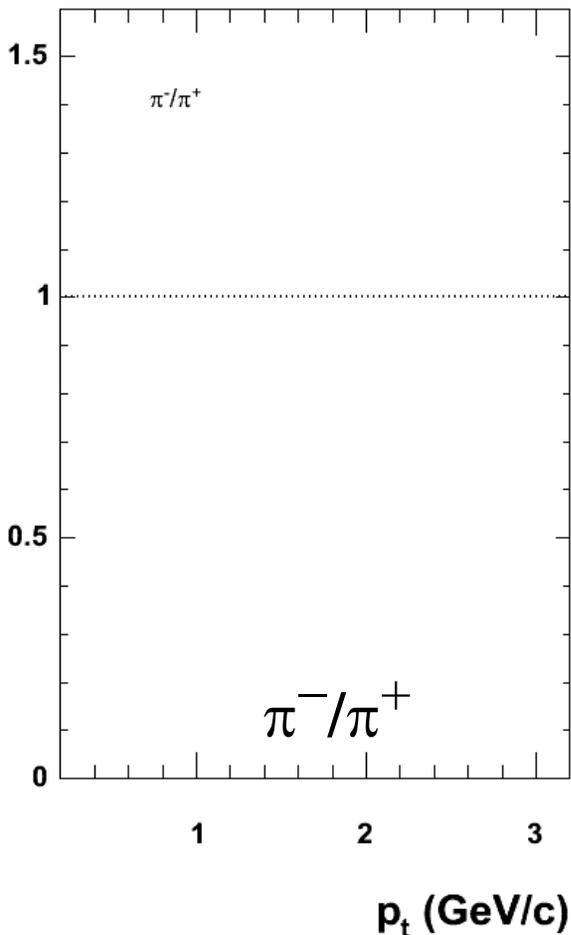


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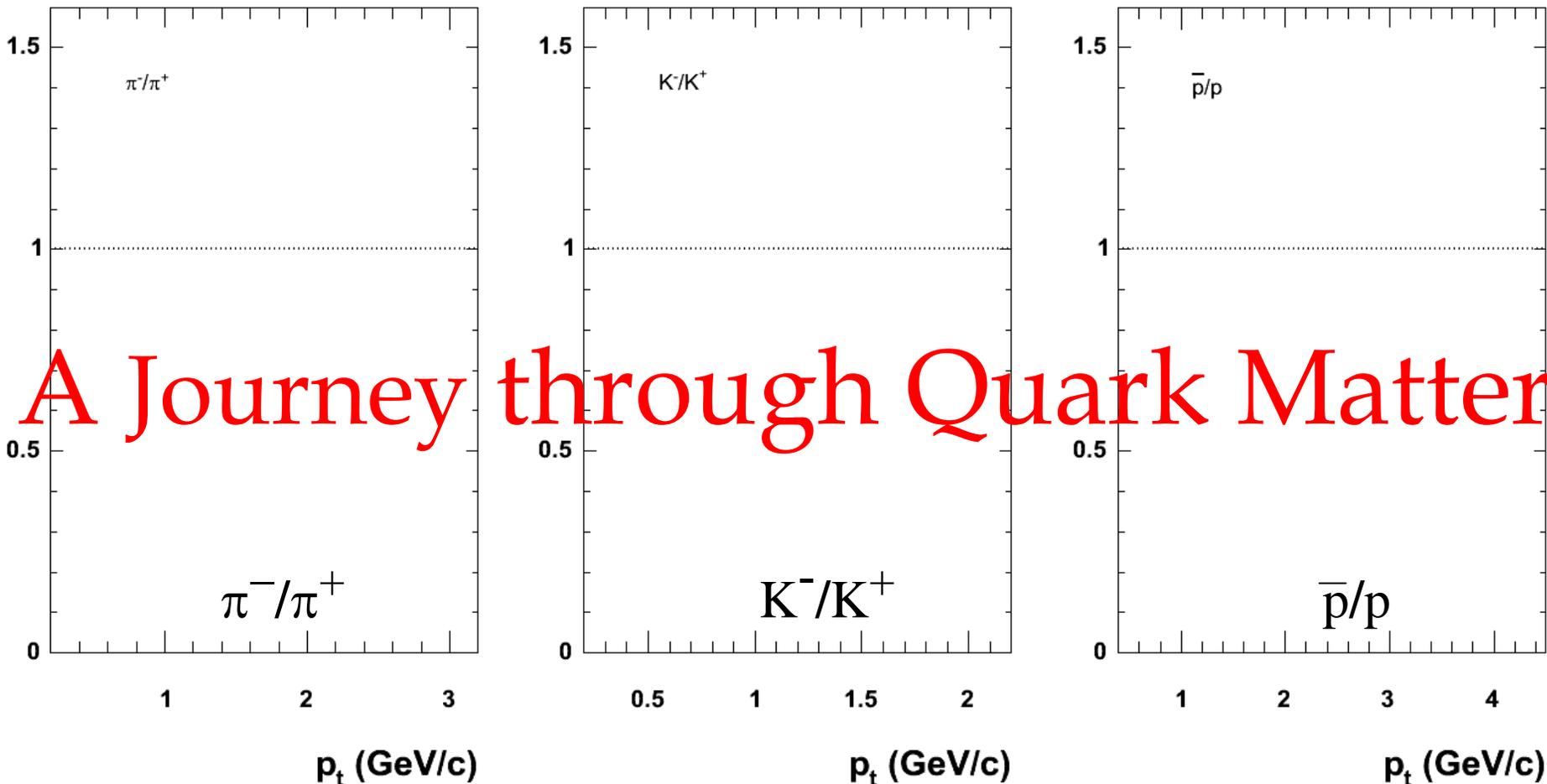
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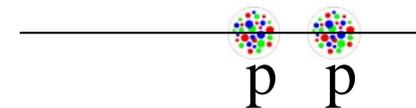
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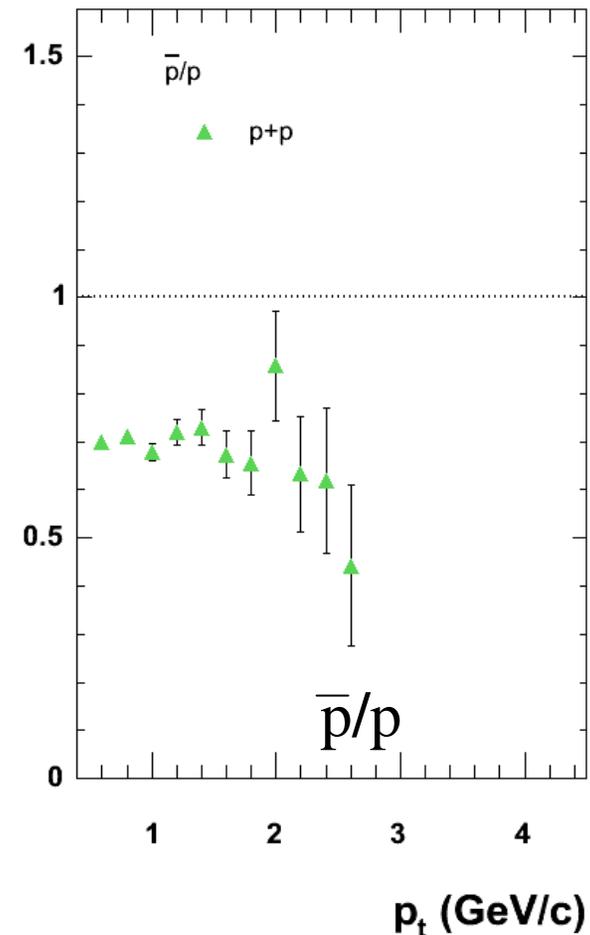
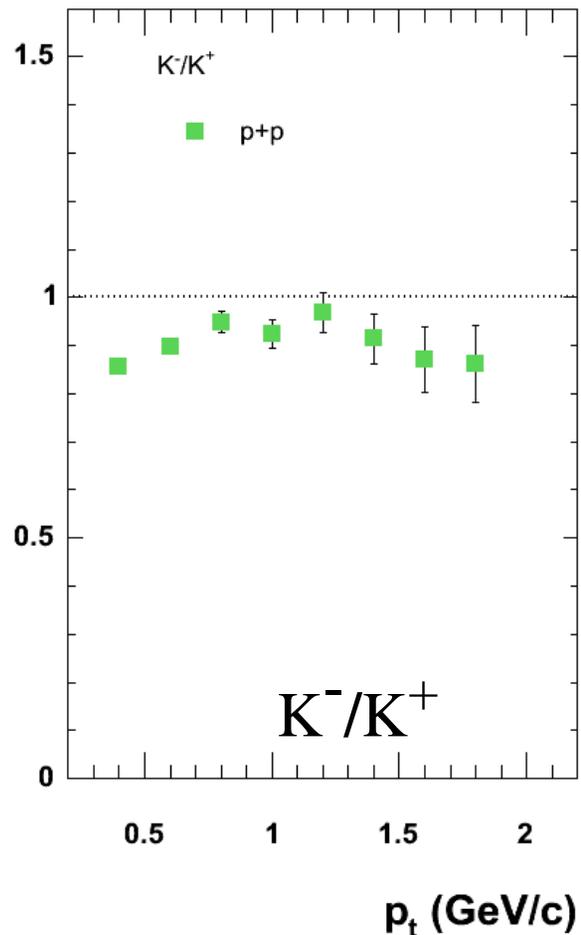
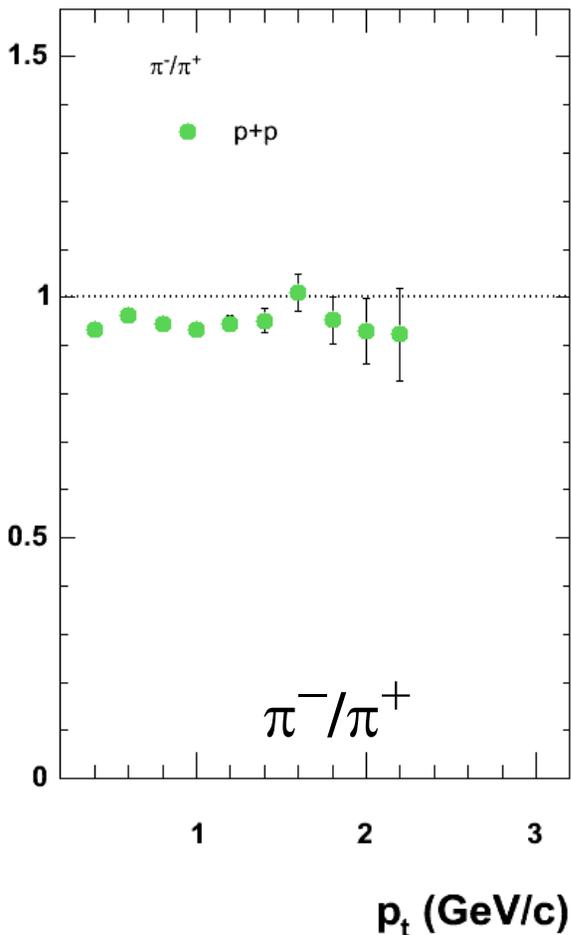
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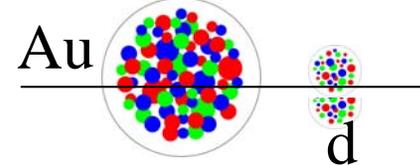


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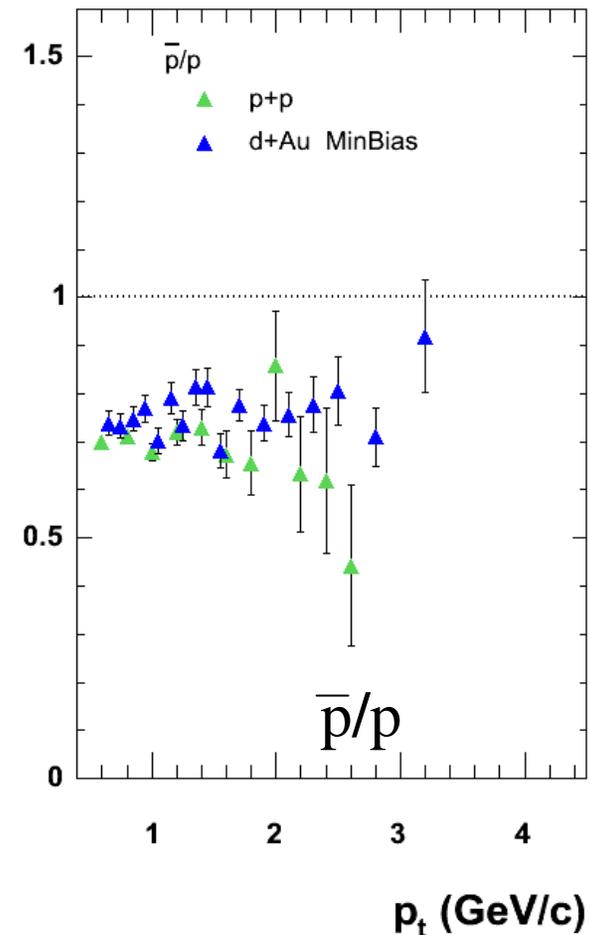
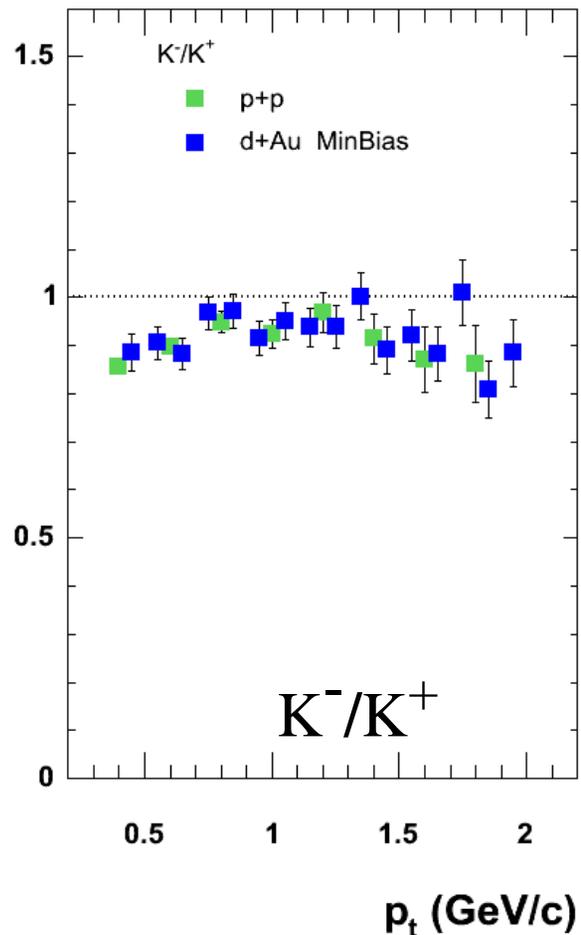
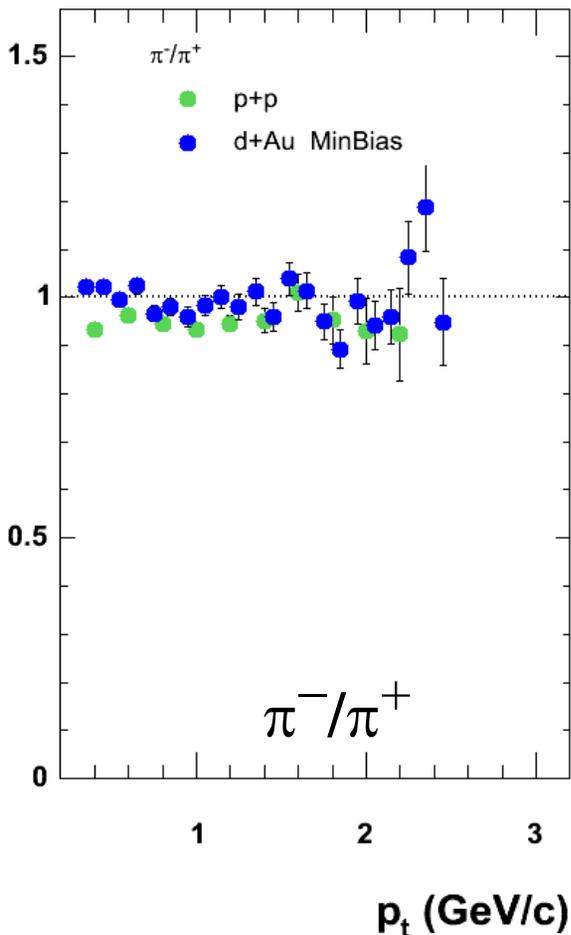


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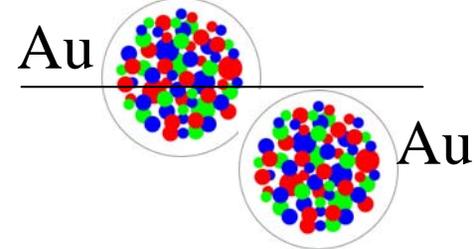


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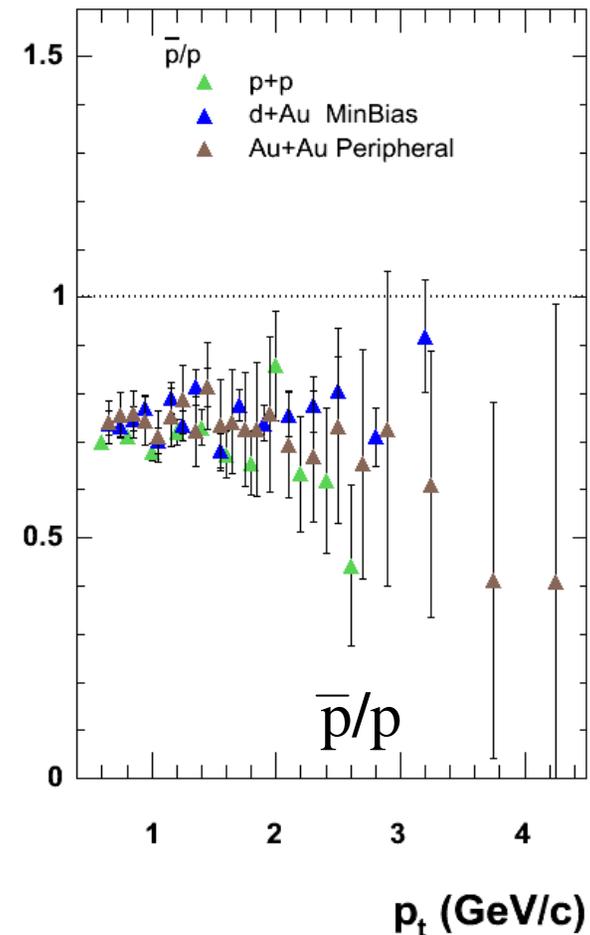
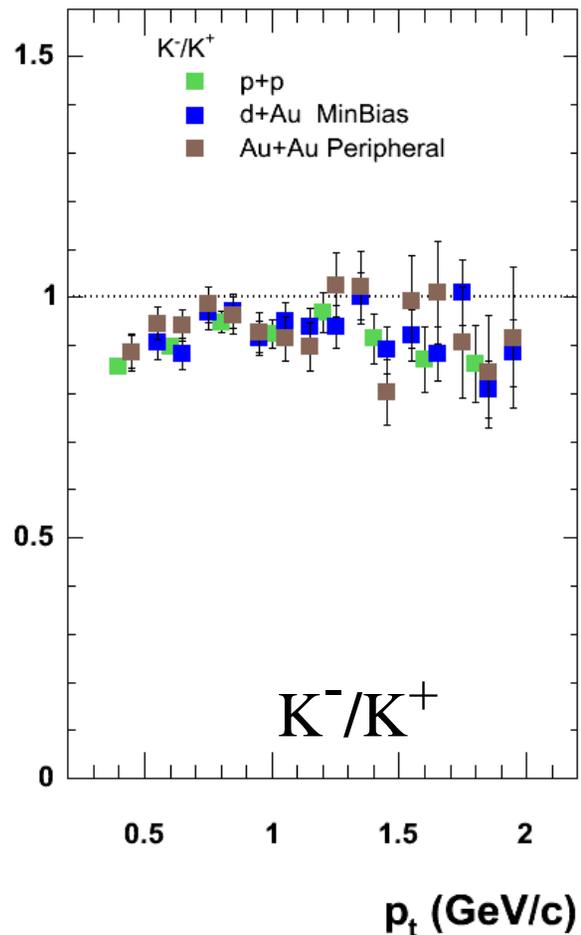
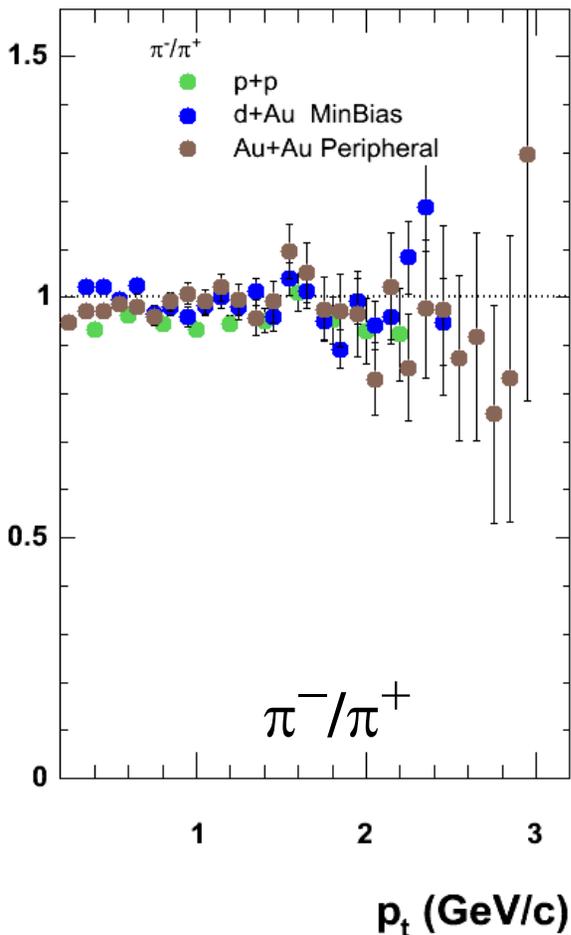


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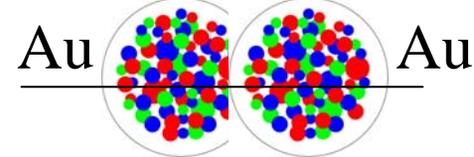
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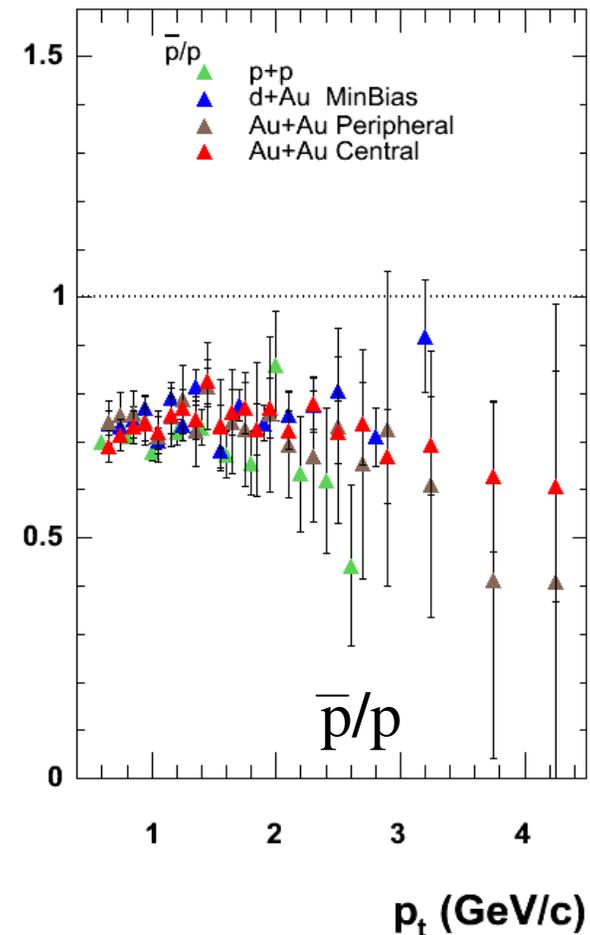
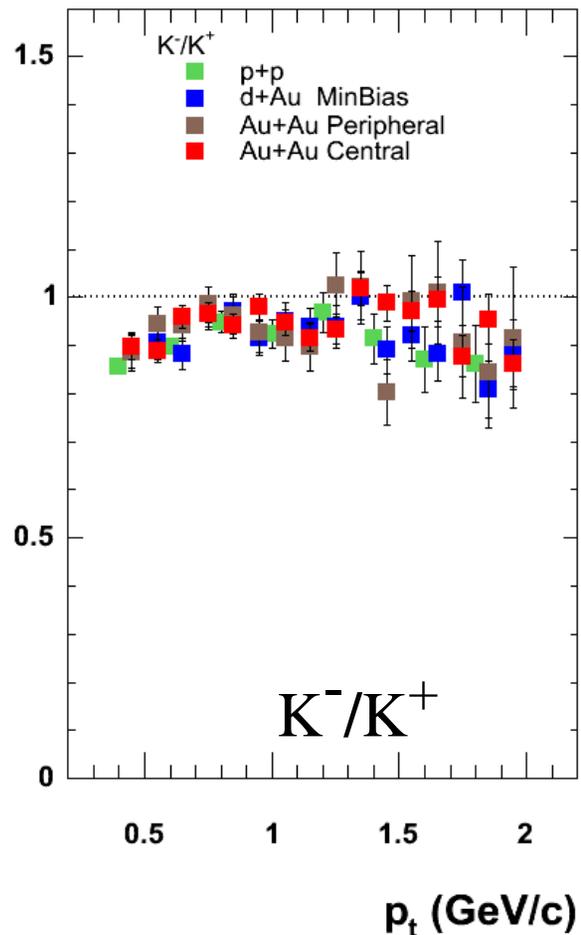
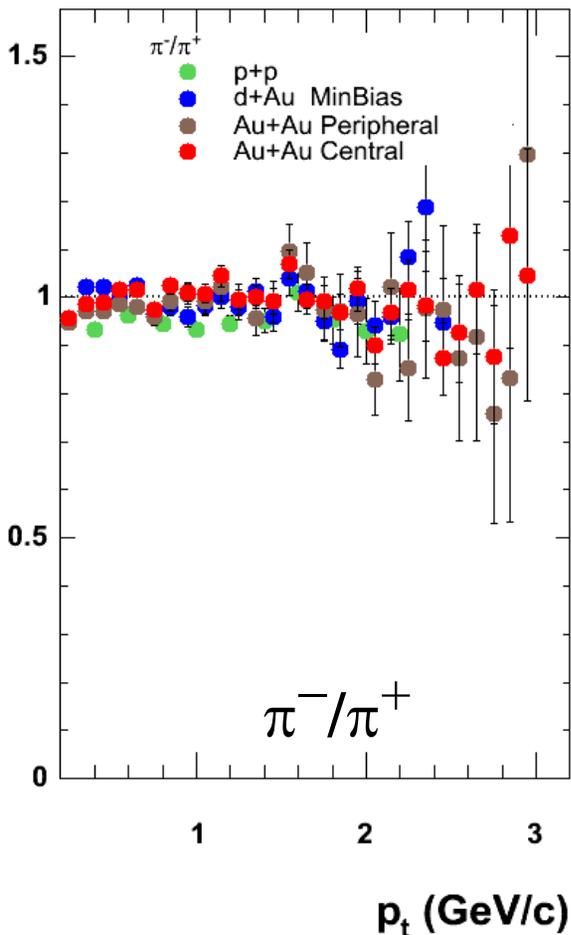
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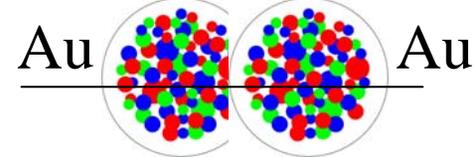
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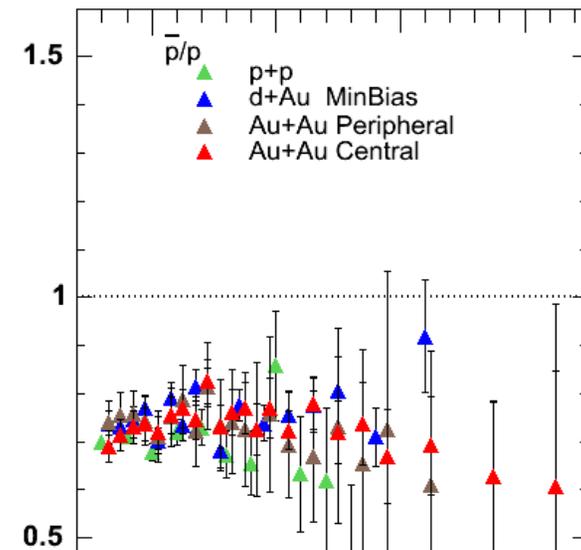
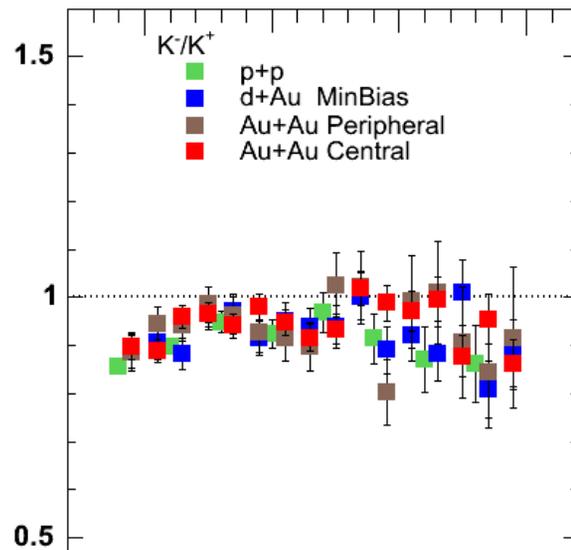
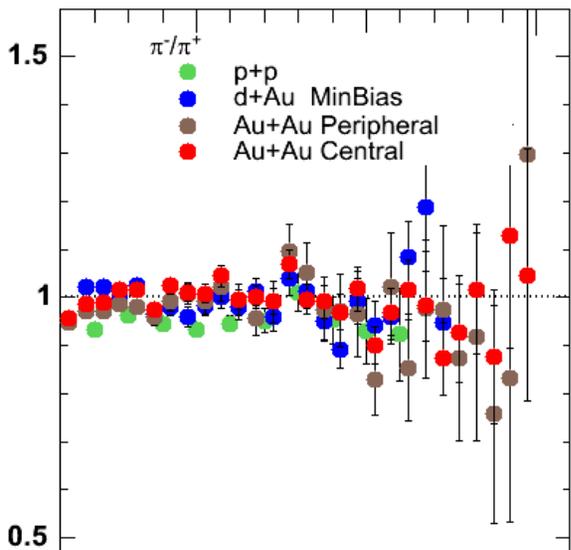
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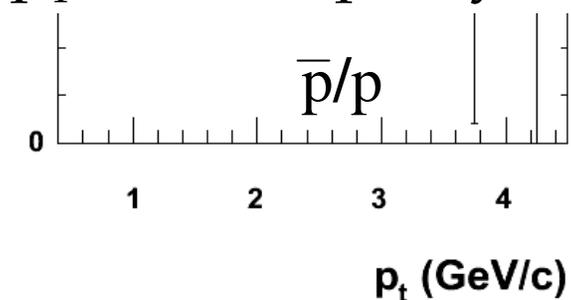
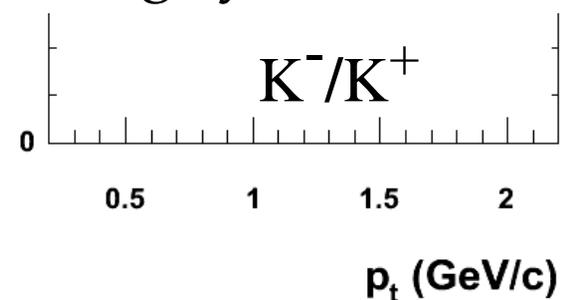
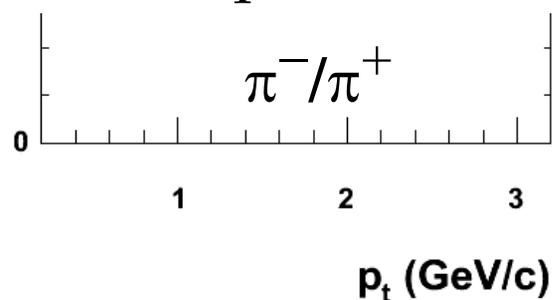


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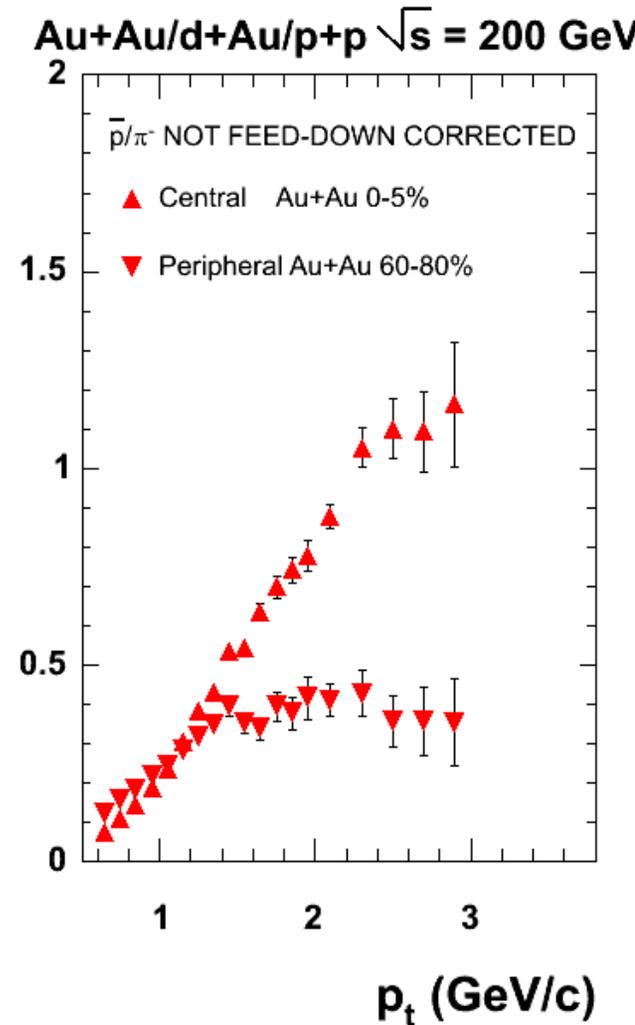
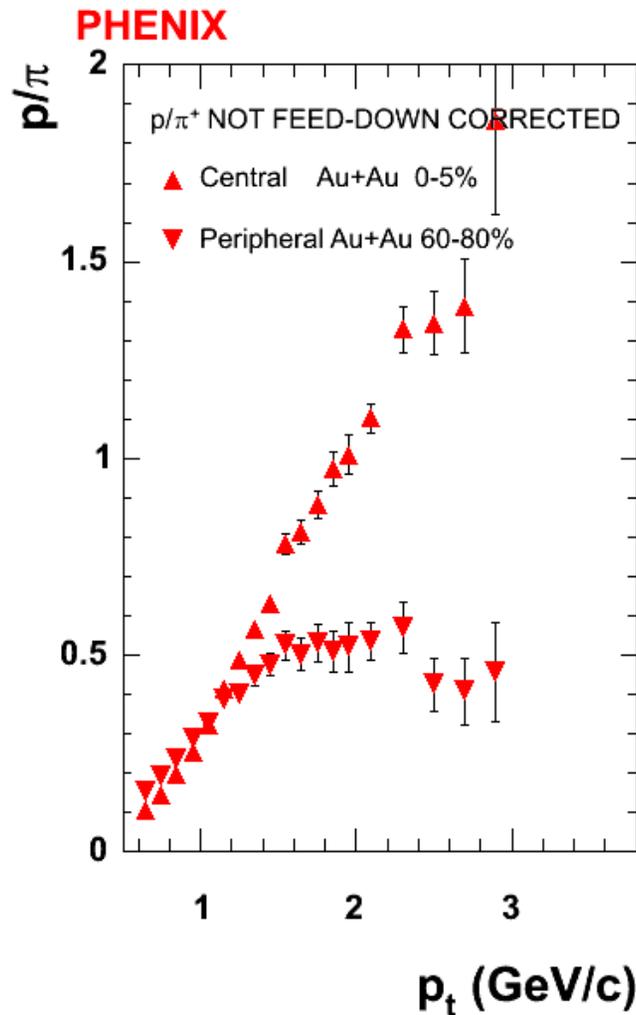


Independent of colliding system,  $\sim$ flat in  $p_T$  at midrapidity



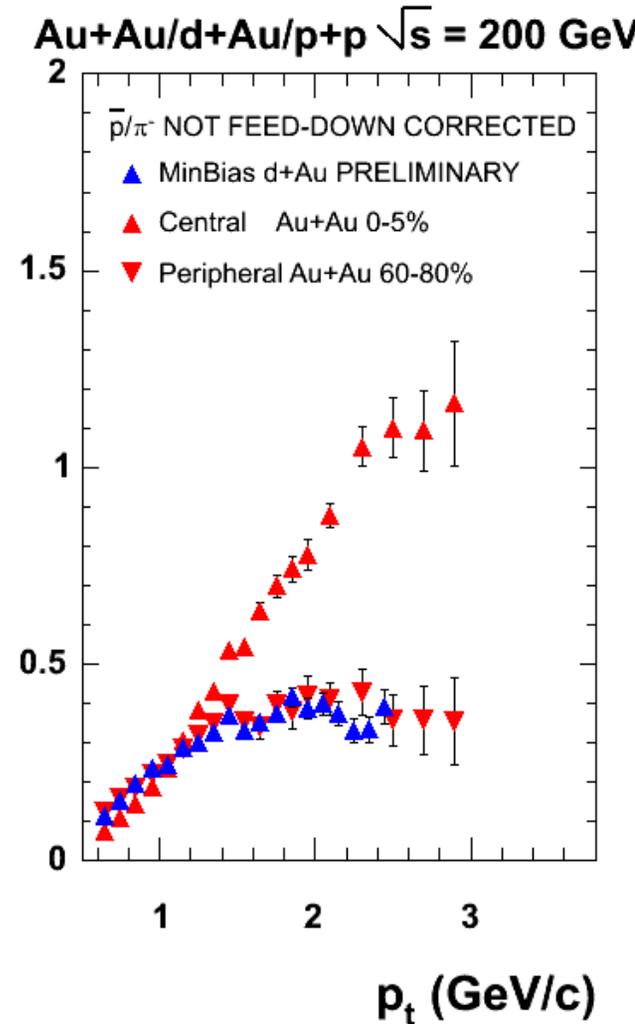
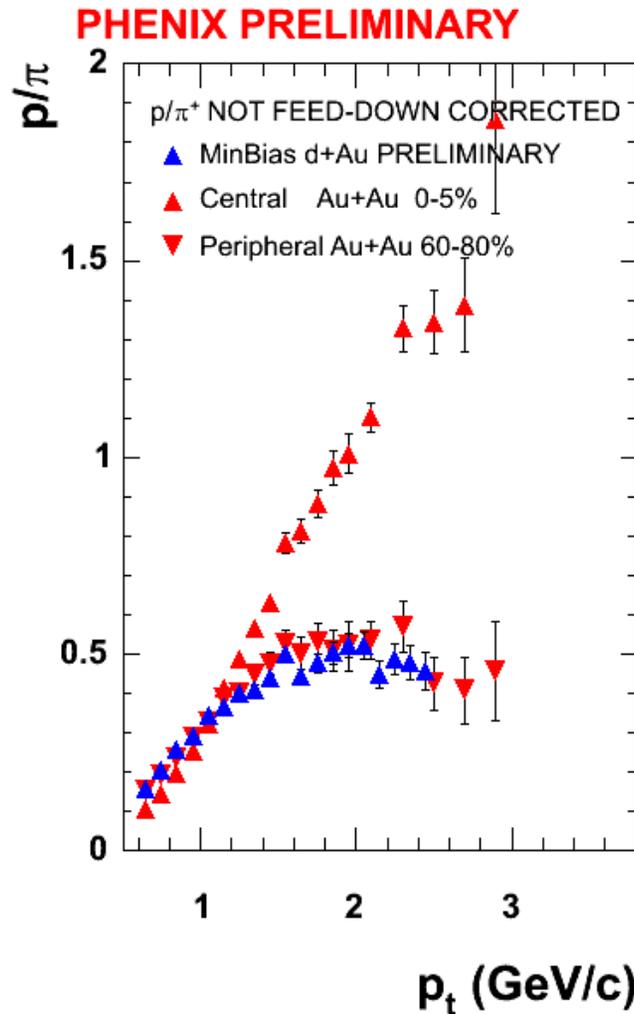
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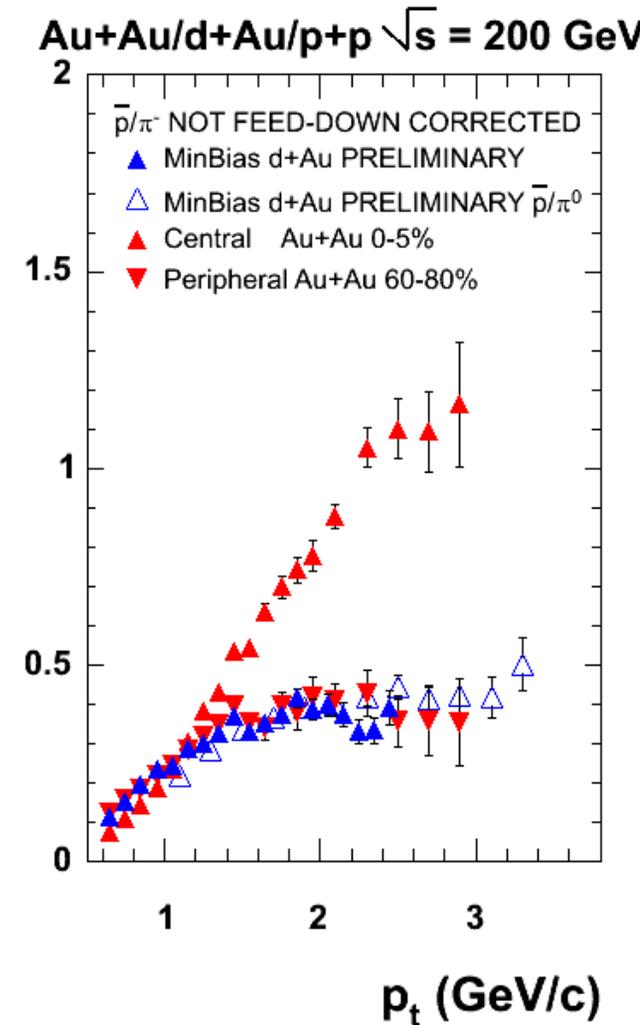
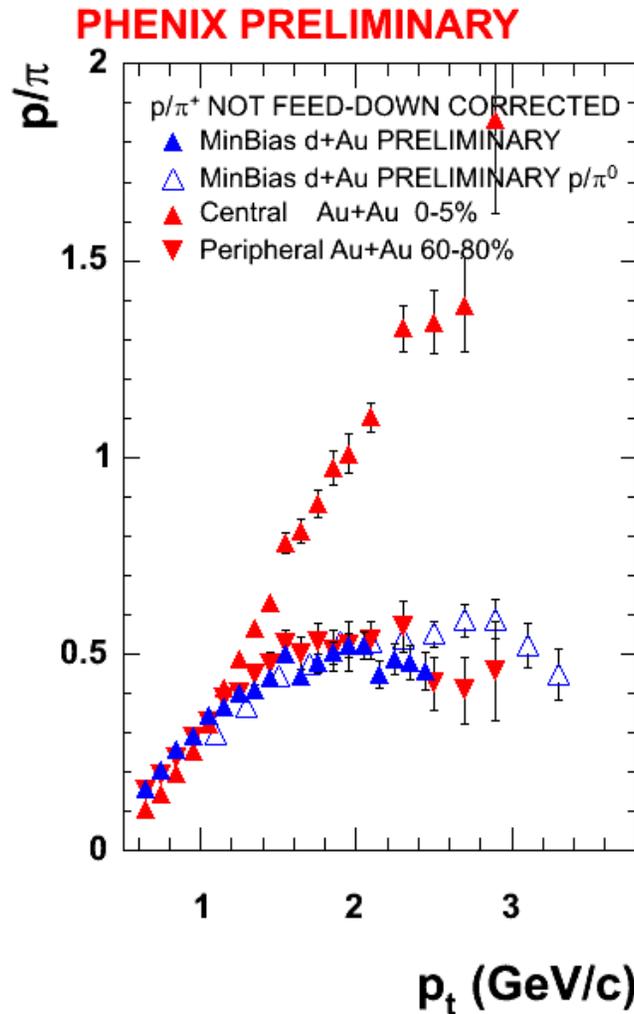
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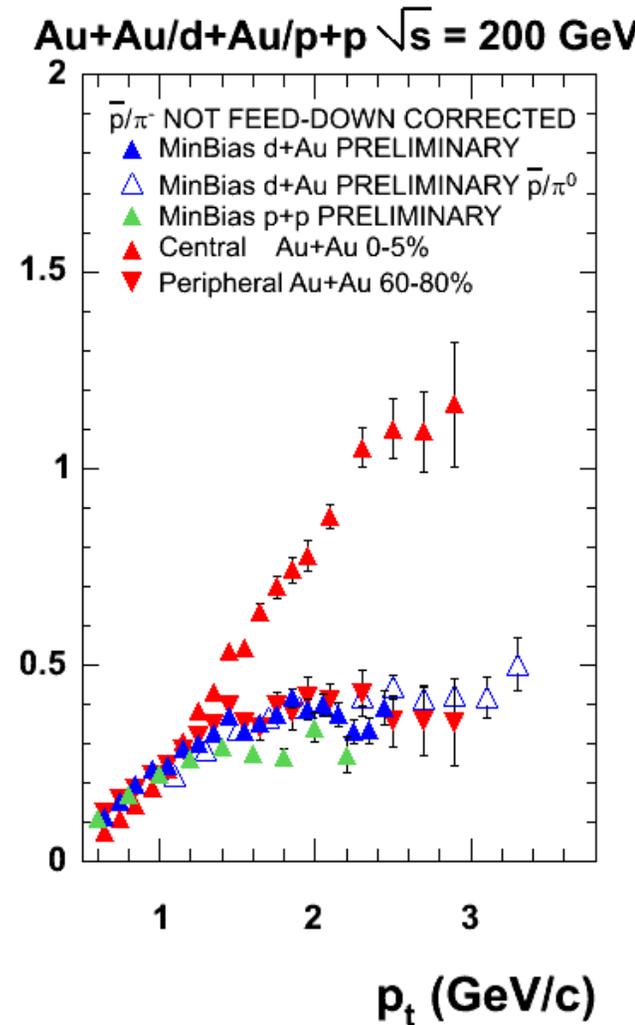
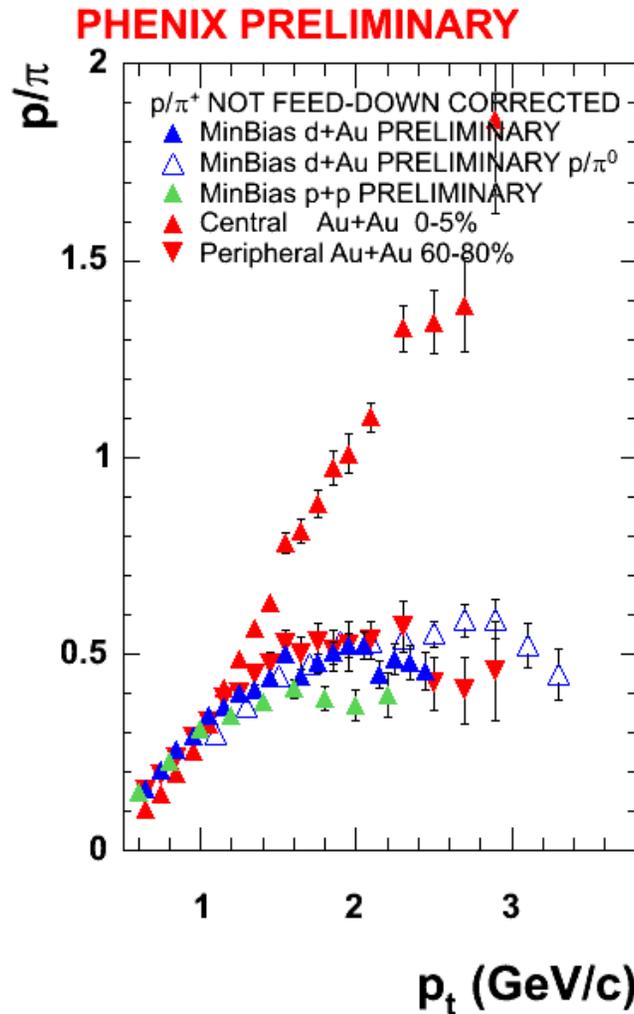
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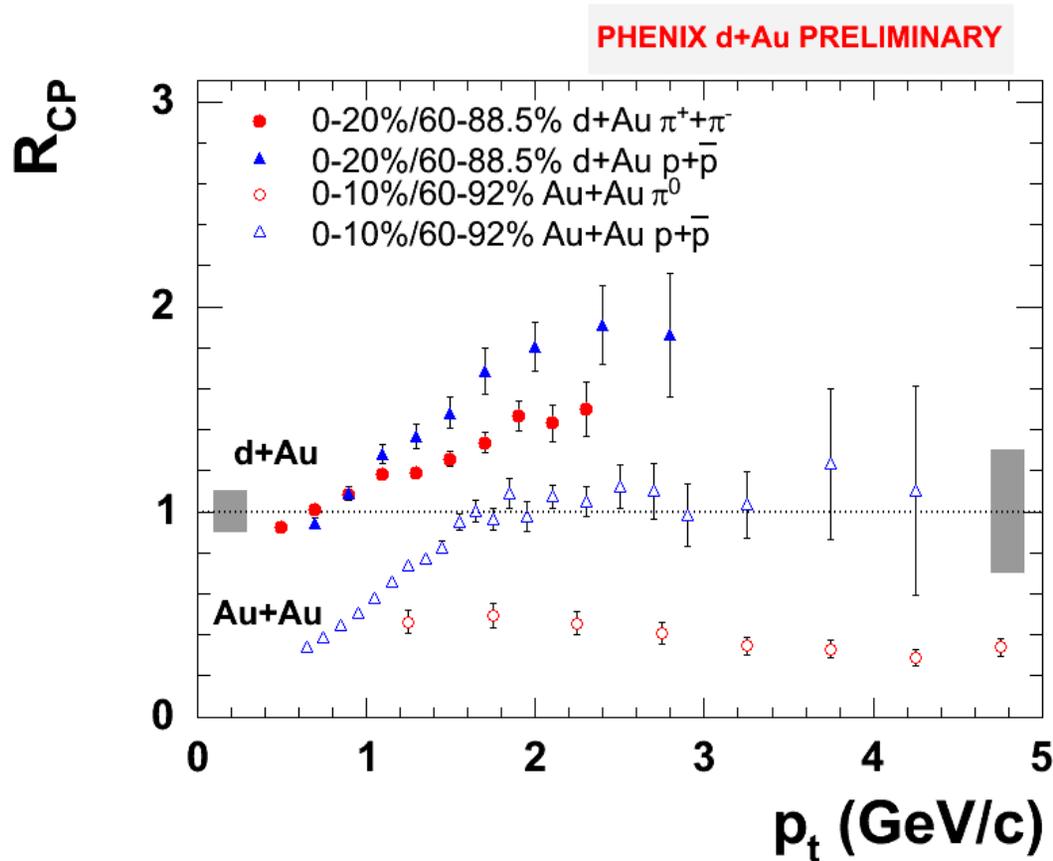
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# Nuclear Modification from d+Au: Cronin

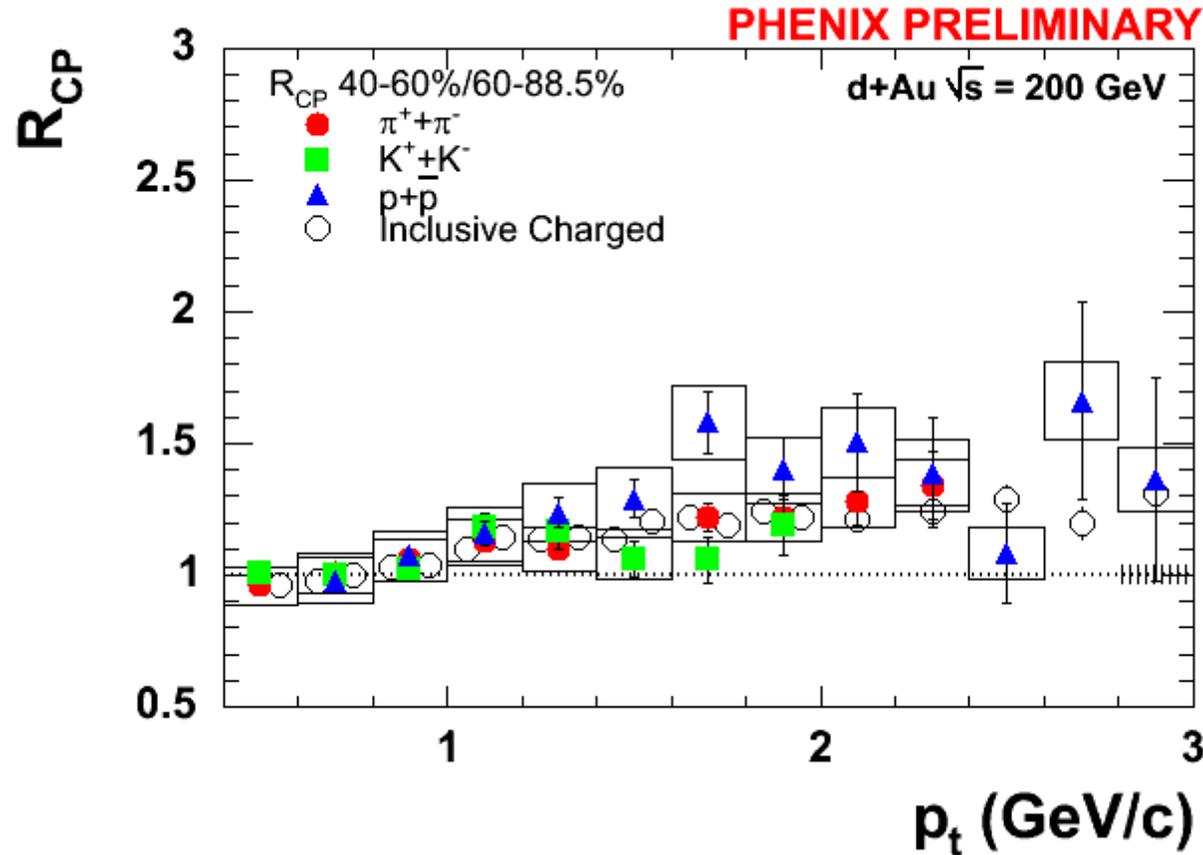
$$R_{CP} = \frac{Yield(central) / \langle N_{coll}(central) \rangle}{Yield(peripheral) / \langle N_{coll}(peripheral) \rangle}$$

- ❑ Strikingly different behavior in Au+Au and d+Au.
- ❑ Clearly pion suppression is a final state effect from a new state of matter.
- ❑ d+Au measurement establishes once and for all the initial state at RHIC: shadowing, Cronin, saturation scenarios at  $y=0$ .



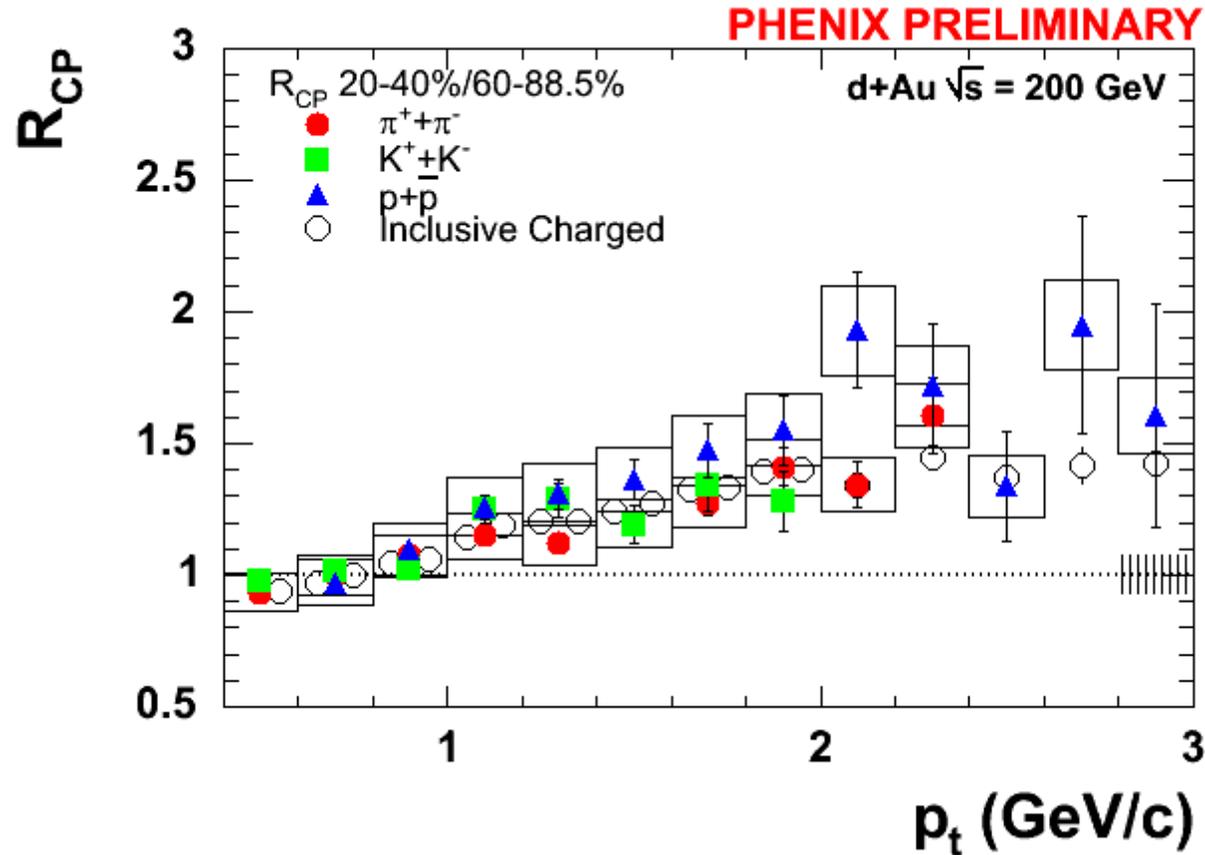
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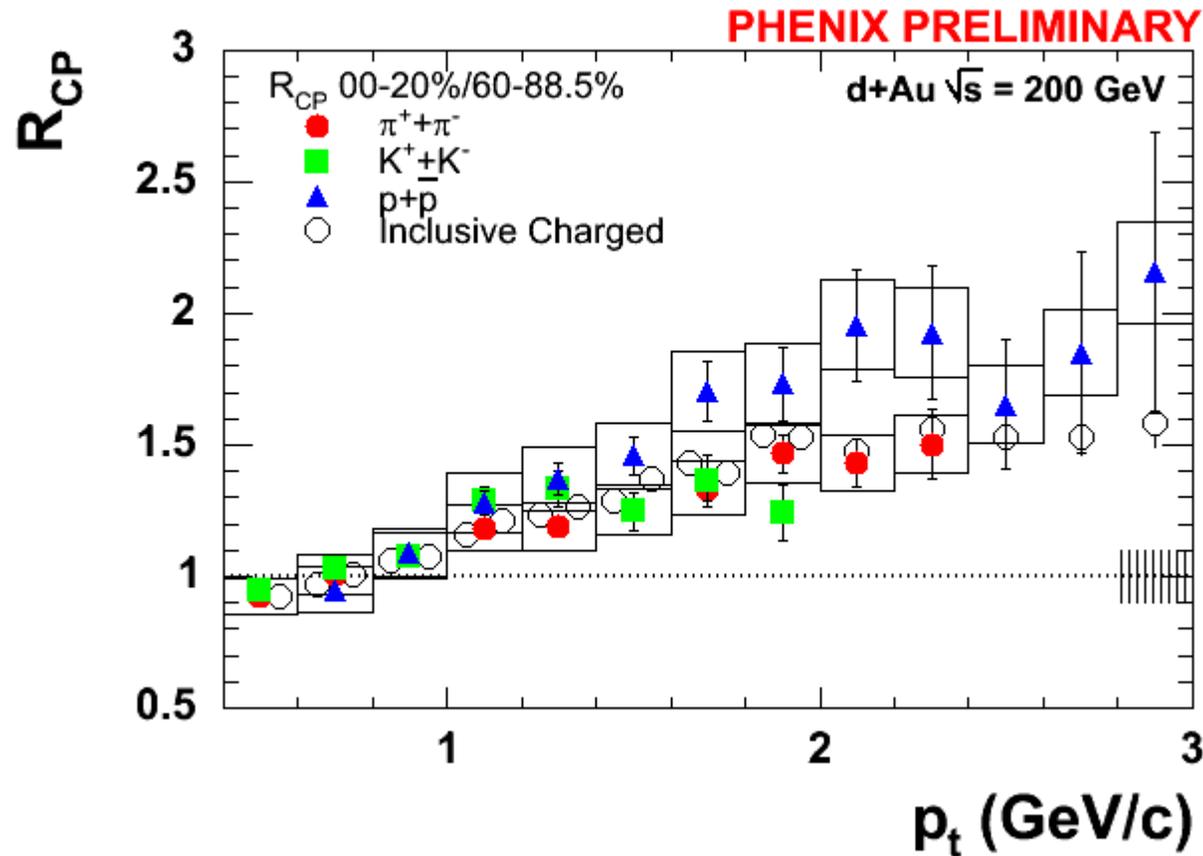
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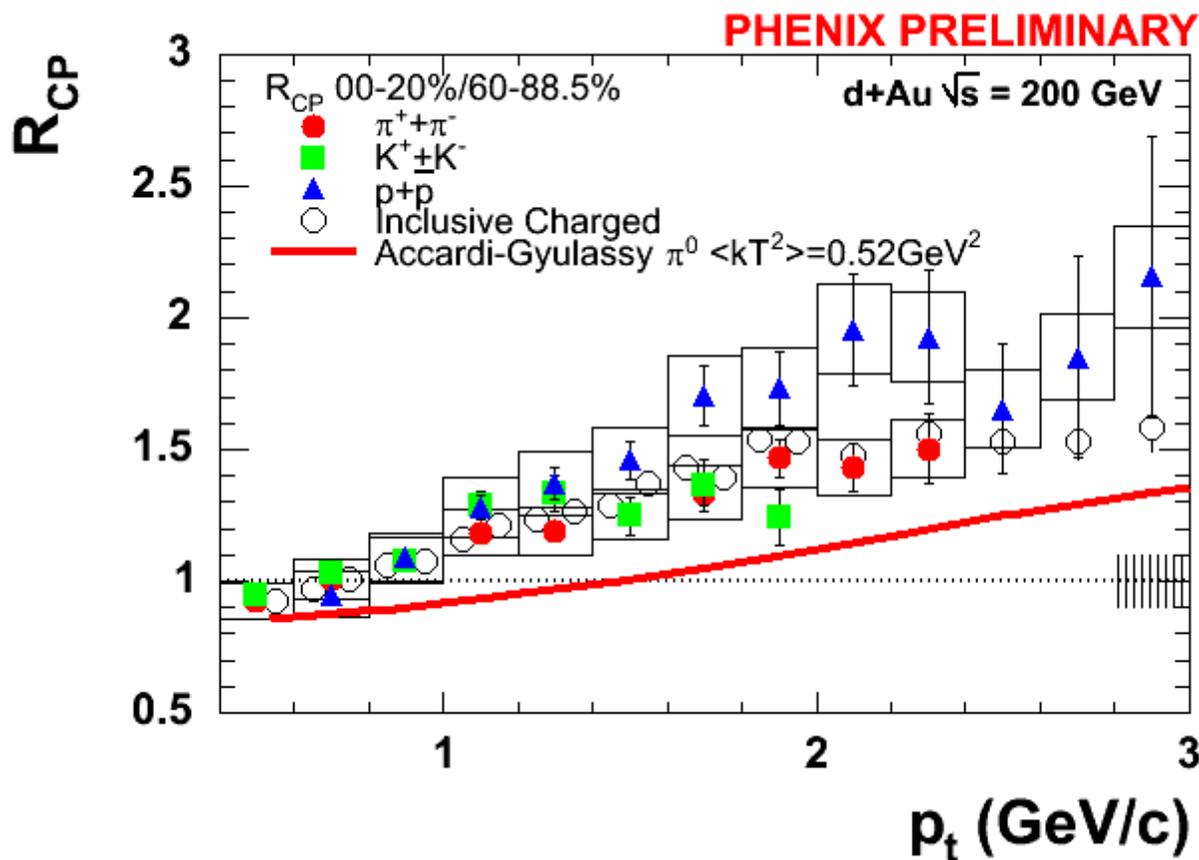
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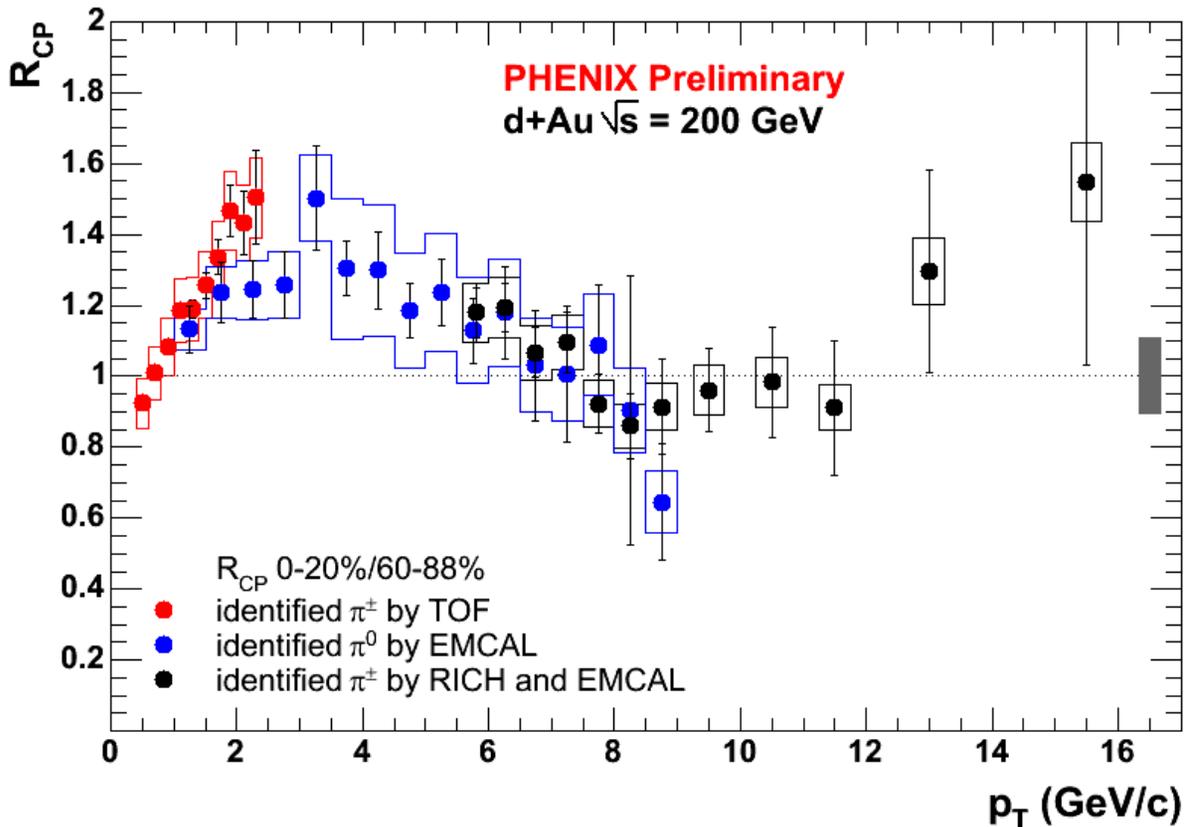
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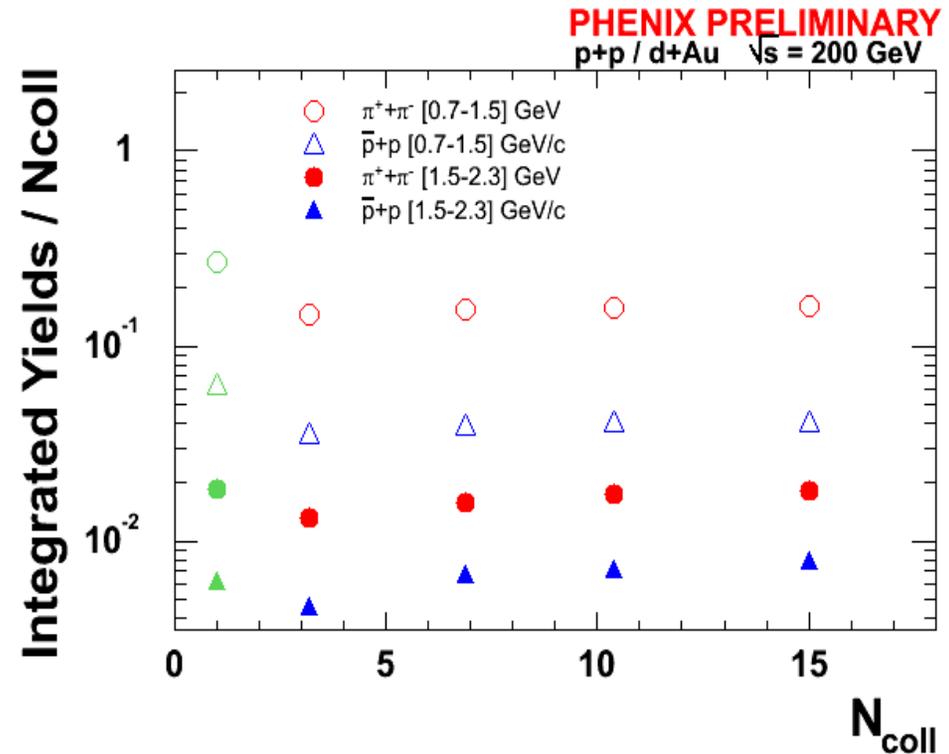
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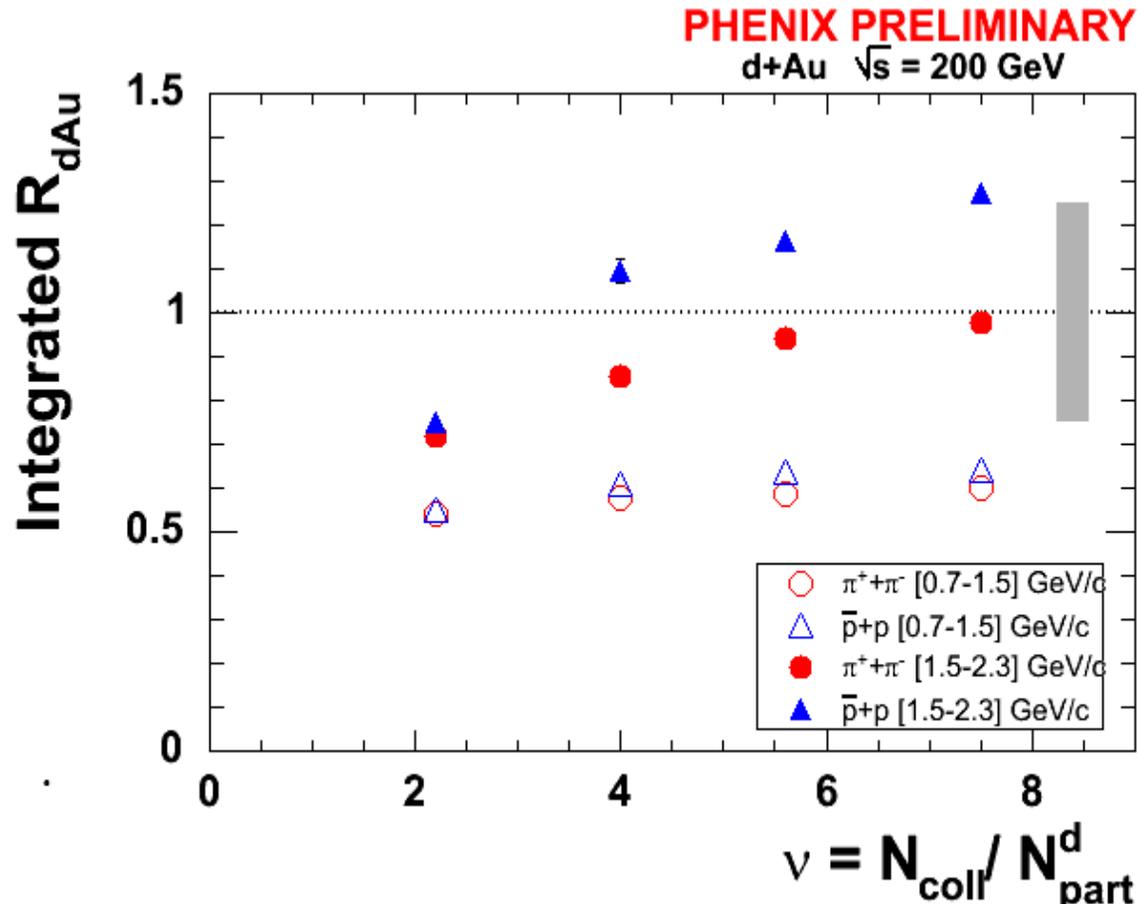
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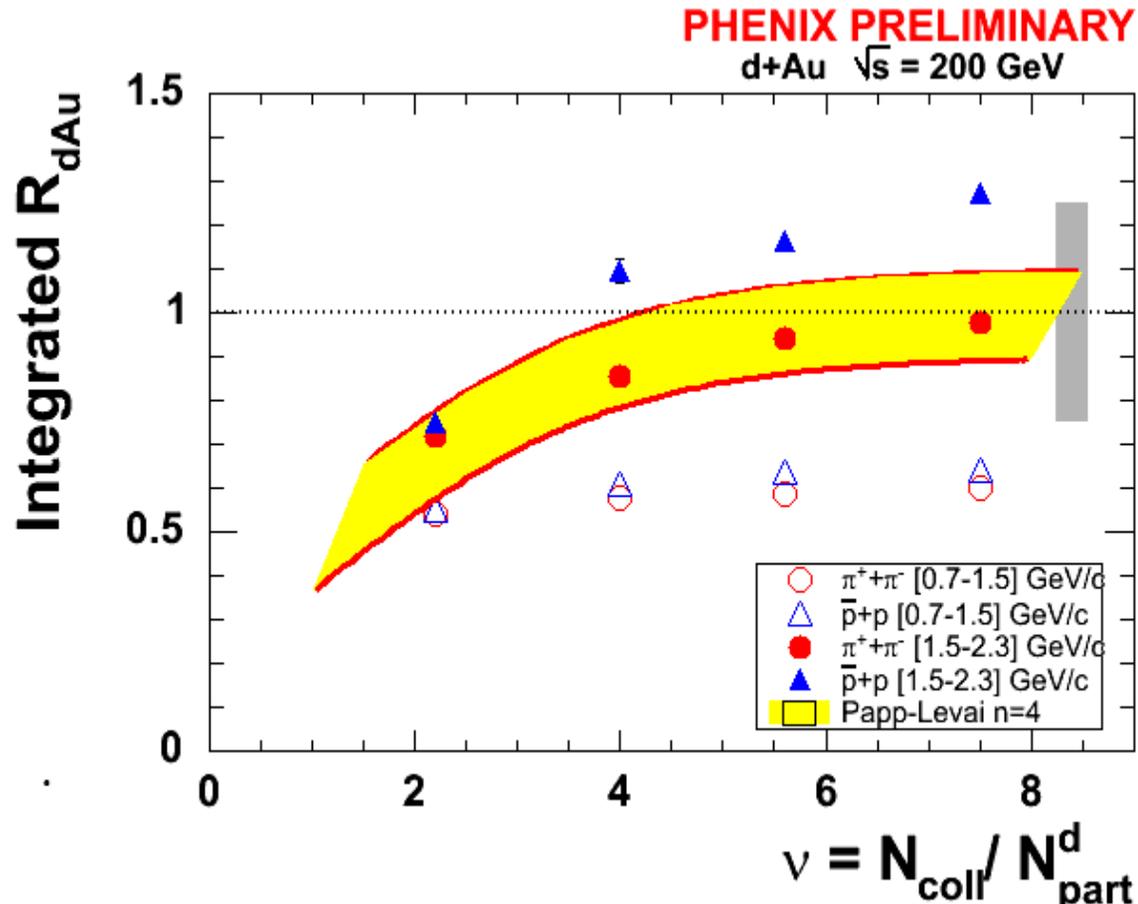
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# Summary

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- ❑ Antimatter to matter ratios are independent of colliding systems and consistent with flat in  $p_t$  at midrapidity.
- ❑ Centrality,  $p_t$  and species dependence of Cronin effect in d+Au fully studied.
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- ❑ Initial state effects in Au nuclei are established at  $y=0$ .
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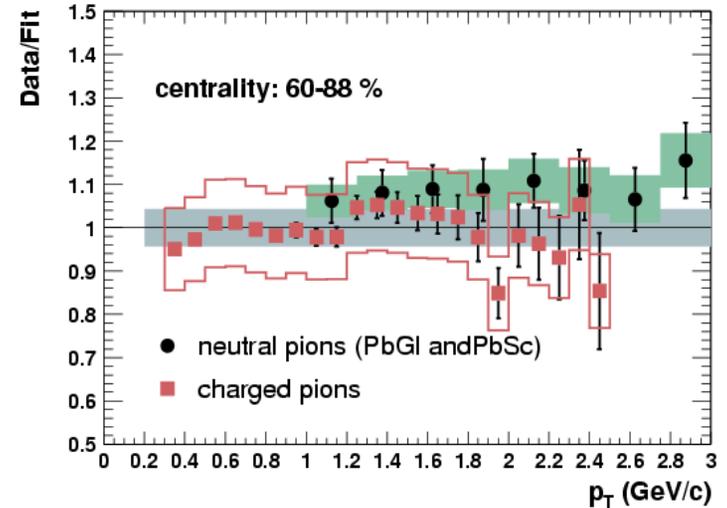
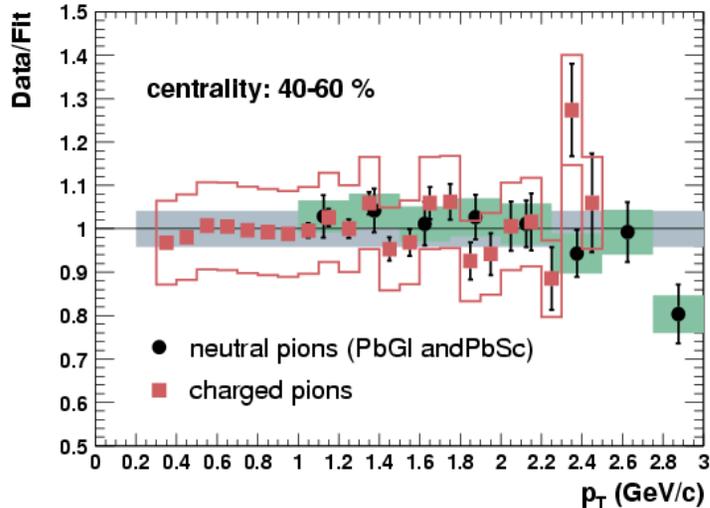
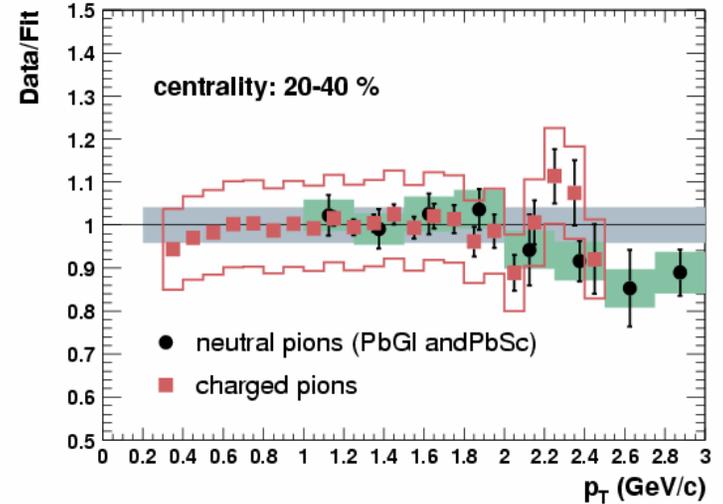
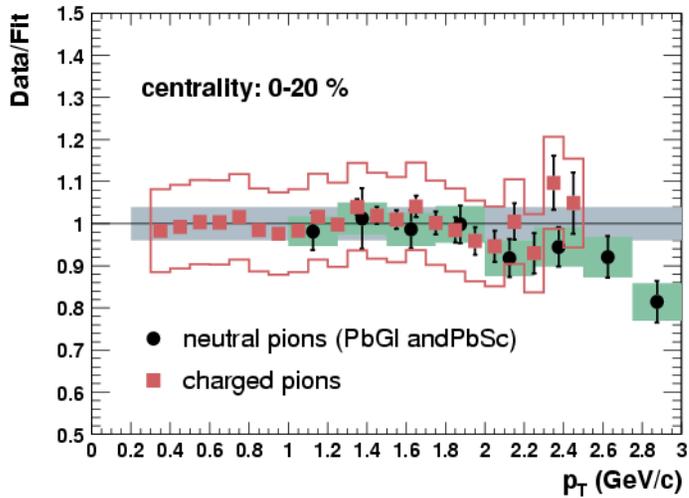
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# Comparison with neutral pions



# Number of collisions in d+Au.

